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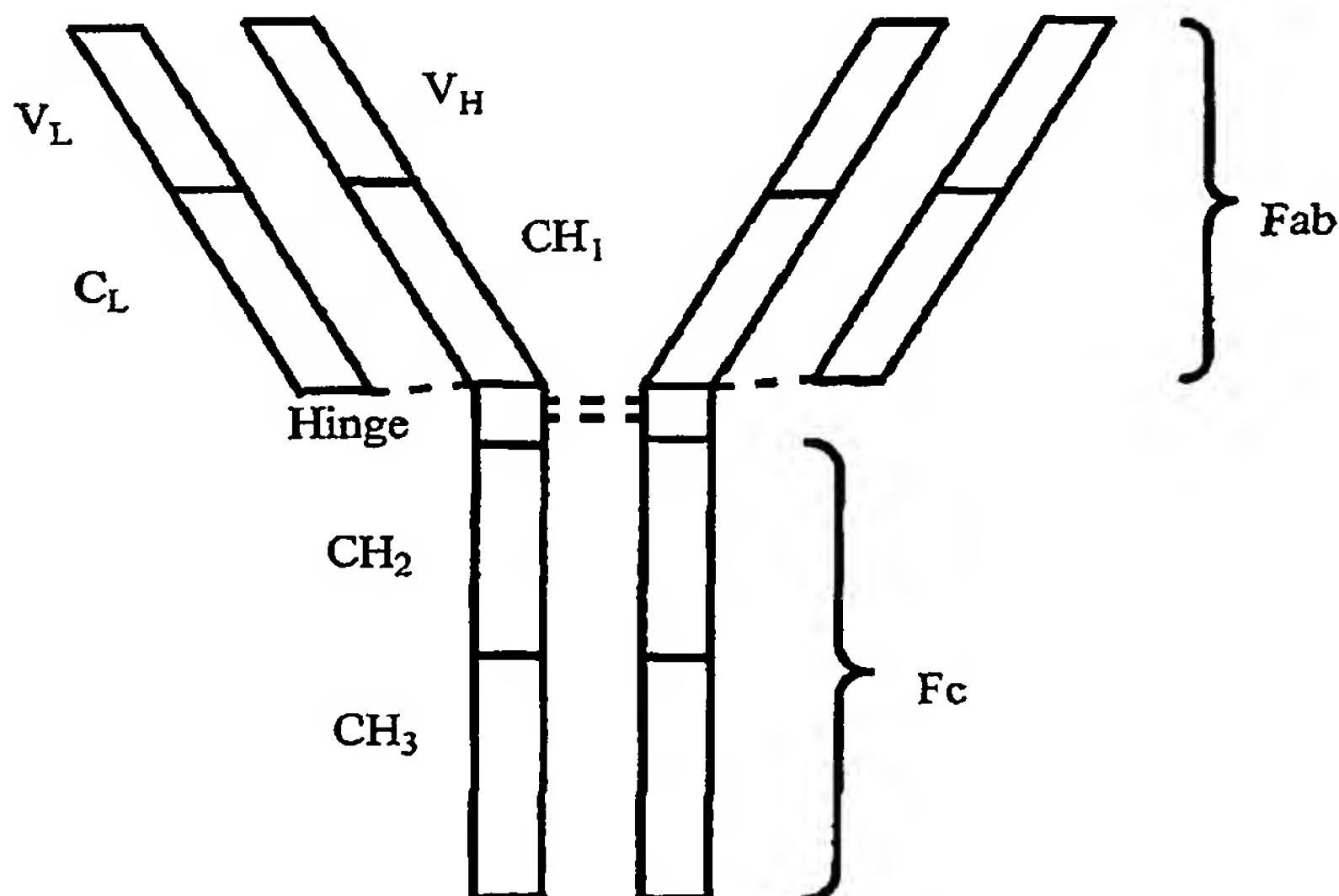
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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

ANTIGEN-BINDING PROTEINS TARGETING S. AUREUS ORF0657n

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/763,023, filed January 27, 2006, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The references cited throughout the present application are not admitted to be prior art to the claimed invention.

Staphylococcus aureus is a pathogen responsible for a wide range of diseases and conditions. Examples of diseases and conditions caused by *S. aureus* include bacteremia, infective endocarditis, folliculitis, furuncle, carbuncle, impetigo, bullous impetigo, cellulitis, botryomycosis, toxic shock syndrome, scalded skin syndrome, central nervous system infections, infective and inflammatory eye disease, osteomyelitis and other infections of joints and bones, and respiratory tract infections. (*The Staphylococci in Human Disease*, Crossley and Archer (eds.), Churchill Livingstone Inc. 1997.)

Immunological based strategies can be employed to control *S. aureus* infections and the spread of *S. aureus*. Immunological based strategies include passive and active immunization. Passive immunization employs immunoglobulins targeting *S. aureus*. Active immunization induces immune responses against *S. aureus*.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention features antigen binding protein that bind an ORF0657n target region (SEQ ID NO: 1). ORF0657n is an *S. aureus* protein. ORF0657n target regions are provided by the mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 binding sites. In a lethal model challenge, mAb 2H2.BE11 and mAb 13C7.BC1 provided for increased survival against *S. aureus* infection. There was also protection demonstrated in an *ex vivo* model with either the IgG1 or the IgG2b form of mAb 2H2; and in a passive immunization murine indwelling catheter model using mAb 2H2.BE11.

Mouse hybridoma cell lines producing mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11; mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, in accordance with Budapest Treaty on September 30, 2005. The cell lines were designated: ATCC No. PTA-7124 (producing mAb 2H2.BE11), ATCC No. PTA-7125 (producing mAb 13C7.BC1), ATCC No. PTA-7126 (producing mAb 1G3.BD4), and ATCC No. PTA-7127 (producing mAb 13G11.BF3).

Thus, a first aspect of the present invention features an isolated antigen binding protein comprising a first variable region and a second variable region. The first and second variable regions

bind one or more target regions selected from the group consisting of: mAb 1G3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1 target region, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region.

Reference to "isolated" indicates a different form than found in nature. The different form can be, for example, a different purity than found in nature and/or a structure that is not found in nature. A structure not found in nature includes recombinant structures where different regions are combined together, for example, humanized antibodies where one or more murine complementary determining regions is inserted onto a human framework scaffold or a murine antibody is resurfaced to resemble the surface residues of a human antibody, hybrid antibodies where one or more complementary determining regions from an antigen binding protein is inserted into a different framework scaffold, and antibodies derived from natural human sequences where genes coding for light and heavy variable domains were randomly combined together.

The isolated protein is preferably substantially free of serum proteins. A protein substantially free of serum proteins is present in an environment lacking most or all serum proteins.

A "variable region" has the structure of an antibody variable region from a heavy or light chain. Antibody heavy and light chain variable regions contain three complementary determining regions interspaced onto a framework. The complementary determining regions are primarily responsible for recognizing a particular epitope.

A target region is defined with respect to the ORF0657n region (SEQ ID NO: 1) bound by mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, or mAb 13G11.BF3. For example, the mAb 1G3.BD4 target region is the ORF0657n region to which mAb 1G3.BD4 binds.

A protein binding an identified target region competes with either mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, or mAb 13G11.BF3 for binding to the target region. For example, a protein competing with mAb 1G3.BD4 binding to ORF0657n binds to the mAb 1G3.BD4 target region.

A protein that competes with either the monoclonal antibody mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11 reduces binding of the monoclonal antibody to ORF0657n by at least about 20%, preferably at least about 50%, when excess and equal amounts of the competing protein and monoclonal antibody are employed.

Reference to "protein" indicates a contiguous amino acid sequence and does not provide a minimum or maximum size limitation. One or more amino acids present in the protein may contain a post-translational modification, such as glycosylation or disulfide bond formation.

A preferred antigen binding protein is a monoclonal antibody. Reference to a "monoclonal antibody" indicates a collection of antibodies having the same, or substantially the same, complementary determining region, and binding specificity. The variation in the antibodies is that which would occur if the antibodies were produced from the same construct(s).

Monoclonal antibodies can be produced, for example, from a particular hybridoma and from a recombinant cell containing one or more recombinant genes encoding the antibody. The antibody

may be encoded by more than one recombinant gene where, for example, one gene encodes the heavy chain and one gene encodes the light chain.

Another aspect of the present invention describes a nucleic acid containing a recombinant gene comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody variable region. The antibody variable region can bind a target region selected from the group consisting of: mAb IG3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region.

A recombinant gene contains recombinant nucleic acid encoding a protein along with regulatory elements for proper transcription and processing (which may include translational and post translational elements). The recombinant nucleic acid by virtue of its sequence and/or form does not occur in nature. Examples of recombinant nucleic acid include purified nucleic acid, two or more nucleic acid regions combined together providing a different nucleic acid than found in nature, and the absence of one or more nucleic acid regions (e.g., upstream or downstream regions) that are naturally associated with each other.

Another aspect of the present invention describes a recombinant cell comprising one or more recombinant genes encoding an antibody variable region that binds to a target region selected from the group consisting of: mAb IG3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region. Multiple recombinant genes are useful, for example, where one gene encodes an antibody heavy chain or fragment thereof containing the V_h region and another nucleic acid encodes an antibody light chain or fragment thereof containing the V_l region.

Another aspect of the present invention comprises a method of producing a protein comprising an antibody variable region. The method comprising the steps of: (a) growing a recombinant cell comprising recombinant nucleotide acid encoding for a protein under conditions wherein the protein is expressed; and (b) purifying the protein.

Another aspect of the present invention describes a pharmaceutical composition. The composition contains a therapeutically effective amount of an antigen binding protein and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

A therapeutically effective amount is an amount sufficient to provide a useful therapeutic or prophylactic effect. For a patient infected with *S. aureus*, an effective amount is sufficient to achieve one or more of the following effects: reduce the ability of *S. aureus* to propagate in the patient or reduce the amount of *S. aureus* in the patient. For a patient not infected with *S. aureus*, an effective amount is sufficient to achieve one or more of the following: a reduced susceptibility to *S. aureus* infection or a reduced ability of the infecting bacterium to establish persistent infection for chronic disease.

Another aspect of the present invention describes a method of detecting the presence of an OFR0657n antigen in a solution or on a cell. The method involves providing a binding protein described herein to the solution or cell and measuring the ability of the binding protein to bind to the antigen in the solution or cell. Measurements can be quantitative or qualitative.

Reference to ORF0657n antigen includes full-length ORF0657n or a derivative thereof having an epitope that is recognized by mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11. Examples of derivatives include truncated versions; and full-length or truncated versions of ORF0657n containing one or more of the following amino acid alterations: one or more additions, one or more substitutions, and one or more deletions.

Another aspect of the present invention features a method of treating a patient against a *S. aureus* infection. The method comprises the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of an antigen binding protein described herein. The patient being treated may, or may not, be infected with *S. aureus*. Preferably, the patient is a human.

Another aspect of the present invention describes a cell line producing a protein that is either mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11, or that competes with either mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11 for binding to ORF0657n. Preferred cell lines are hybridomas, and recombinant cell lines containing recombinant nucleic acid encoding the protein.

Reference to open-ended terms such as "comprises" allows for additional elements or steps. Occasionally phrases such as "one or more" are used with or without open-ended terms to highlight the possibility of additional elements or steps.

Unless explicitly stated reference to terms such as "a" or "an" is not limited to one. For example, "a cell" does not exclude "cells". Occasionally phrases such as one or more are used to highlight the possible presence of a plurality.

Other features and advantages of the present invention are apparent from the additional descriptions provided herein including the different examples. The provided examples illustrate different components and methodology useful in practicing the present invention. The examples do not limit the claimed invention. Based on the present disclosure the skilled artisan can identify and employ other components and methodology useful for practicing the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 illustrates the structure of an IgG molecule. "V_L" refers to a light chain variable region. "V_H" refers to a heavy chain variable region. "C_L" refers to a light chain constant region. "CH₁", "CH₂" and "CH₃" are heavy chain constant regions. Dashed lines indicate disulfide bonds.

Figure 2 illustrates a matrix outlining the reactivities of different monoclonal antibodies in a pair-wise binding study. The panel of monoclonal antibodies fell into three reactive areas by the BIACORE® method.

Figures 3A-3C: Groups of BALB/c mice (n = 20) were treated 20 hours prior to bacterial challenge with an i.p. injection of: ■, mAb 13C7.BC1; □, mAb 6G6.A8 (isotype control); or ○, PBS. Mice were challenged with *S. aureus* by i.v. injection and survival was monitored. Fig. 3A-

0.49 mg mAb 13C7.BC1; 0.45 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 9.8×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker. Fig. 3B- 0.49 mg mAb 13C7.BC1; 0.45 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 9.6×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker. Fig. 3C- 0.50 mg mAb 13C7.BC1; 0.45 mg mAb 6G6; and 9.9×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker.

Figures 4A and 4B: Groups of BALB/c mice (n = 20) were treated 20 hours prior to bacterial challenge with an i.p. injection of: ■, mAb 13C7.BC1 (0.5 mg); □, mAb 6G6.A8 (isotype control) (0.5 mg); or ○, PBS (0.5 ml). Mice were challenged with *S. aureus* by i.v. injection and survival was monitored. Fig. 4A illustrates results with 2.09×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* UK58. Fig. 4B illustrates results with 2.15×10^8 *S. aureus* UK 58.

Figures 5A-5C: Groups of BALB/c mice (n = 20) were treated 20 hours prior to bacterial challenge with an i.p. injection of: ■, mAb 2H2.BE11, □, mAb 6G6.A8 (isotype control); ○, PBS. Mice were challenged with *S. aureus* by i.v. injection and survival was monitored. Fig. 5A- 0.43 mg mAb 2H2.BE11; 0.5 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 9.8×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker. Fig. 5B- 0.43 mg mAb 2H2.BE11; 0.5 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 8.3×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker. Fig. 5C- 0.43 mg mAb 2H2.BE11; 0.5 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 9.3×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

ORF0657n is an *S. aureus* protein located at the *S. aureus* outer membrane. ORF0657n has been found to be well conserved in different strains of *S. aureus*. (Anderson *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 2005/009379, International Publication Date February 3, 2005.) Different ORF0657n derivatives can be used to produce a protective immune response against *S. aureus* infection. (Anderson *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 2005/009379, International Publication Date February 3, 2005.)

Due to their ability to recognize ORF0657n, the antigen binding proteins described herein can be used, for example, as a tool in the production, characterization, or study of ORF0657n based antigens. Antigen binding protein recognizing appropriate ORF0657n epitopes can also be used agent to treat *S. aureus* infection.

I. Antigen Binding Protein

Antigen binding proteins contain an antibody variable region providing for specific binding to an epitope. The antibody variable region can be present in, for example, a complete antibody, an antibody fragment, and a recombinant derivative of an antibody or antibody fragment.

Different classes of antibodies have different structures. Different antibody regions can be illustrated by reference to IgG (Figure 1). An IgG molecule contains four amino acid chains: two longer length heavy chains and two shorter light chains. The heavy and light chains each contain a constant region and a variable region. Within the variable regions are three hypervariable regions responsible for antigen specificity. (See, for example, Breitling *et al.*, Recombinant Antibodies, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. and Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, 1999; and Lewin, Genes IV, Oxford University Press and Cell Press, 1990.)

The hypervariable regions (also referred to as complementarity determining regions), are interposed between more conserved flanking regions (also referred to as framework regions). Amino acids associated with framework regions and complementarity determining regions can be numbered and aligned as described by Kabat *et al.*, *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1991.

The two heavy chain carboxyl regions are constant regions joined by disulfide binding to produce an Fc region. The Fc region is important for providing antibody biological activity such as complement and macrophage activation. Each of the two heavy chains making up the Fc region extend into different Fab regions through a hinge region.

In higher vertebrates there are two classes of light chains and five classes of heavy chains. The light chains are either κ or λ . The heavy chains define the antibody class and are either α , δ , ϵ , γ , or μ . For example, IgG has a γ heavy chain. Subclasses also exist for different types of heavy chains such as human γ_1 , γ_2 , γ_3 , and γ_4 . Heavy chains impart a distinctive conformation to hinge and tail regions. (Lewin, *Genes IV*, Oxford University Press and Cell Press, 1990.)

Antibody fragments containing an antibody variable region include Fv, Fab, and Fab₂ regions. Each Fab region contains a light chain made up of a variable region and a constant region, and a heavy chain region containing a variable region and a constant region. A light chain is joined to a heavy chain by disulfide bonding through constant regions. The light and heavy chain variable regions of a Fab region provide for an Fv region that participates in antigen binding.

The antibody variable region can be present in a recombinant derivative. Examples of recombinant derivatives include single-chain antibodies, diabody, triabody, tetrabody, and miniantibody. (Kipriyanov *et al.*, *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004.)

The antigen binding protein can contain one or more variable regions recognizing the same or different epitopes. (Kipriyanov *et al.*, *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004.)

II. Generation of Antigen Binding Protein Directed to an Identified Target Region

Different antigen binding proteins directed to the mAb 1G3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1 target region, or mAb 13G11.BF3 target region can be generated starting with the respective monoclonal antibody. Alternatively, the epitope recognized by a binding protein can be used to select additional binding proteins.

The mAb 2H2.BE11 target region appears to be located at approximately amino acids 76-357 of ORF0657n. A polypeptide containing amino acids 76-357 of ORF0657n, or a full-length ORF0657n, can be used as a target antigen to select for antibodies. The target region of the generated antibodies can be determined.

A variety of techniques are available to select for a protein recognizing an antigen. Examples of such techniques include use of phage display technology and hybridoma production. Human antibodies can be produced using chimeric mice such as a XenoMouse or Trans-Chromo mouse.

(*E.g., Azzazy et al., Clinical Biochemistry 35:425-445, 2002, Berger et al., Am. J. Med. Sci. 324(1):14-40, 2002.*)

The monoclonal antibodies mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 contain variable regions recognizing ORF0675n. Additional binding proteins recognizing ORF0657n can be produced based on antibody variable regions. Additional binding proteins can, for example, be produced by modifying an existing monoclonal antibody and by using variable region sequence information. Protein construction and sequence manipulation can be performed using recombinant nucleic acid techniques.

The monoclonal antibodies mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 are murine antibodies. For human therapeutic applications, preferred binding proteins based on such mAb's are designed to reduce the potential generation of human anti-mouse antibodies recognizing the murine regions.

The potential generation of human anti-mouse antibodies can be reduced using techniques such as murine antibody humanization, de-immunization, and chimeric antibody production. (See, for example, O'Brien *et al.*, Humanization of Monoclonal Antibodies by CDR Grafting, p 81-100, From *Methods in Molecular Biology* Vol. 207: Recombinant antibodies for Cancer Therapy: Methods and Protocols (Eds. Welschof and Krauss) Humana Press, Totowa, New Jersey, 2003; Kipriyanov *et al.*, *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004; Gonzales *et al.*, *Tumor Biol.* 26:31-43, 2005, Presta, *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews* 58:640-656, 2006, Tsurushita *et al.*, *Methods* 36:69-83, 2005, Roque *et al.*, *Biotechnol. Prog.* 20:639-654, 2004.)

Murine antibodies can be humanized using techniques such as grafting complementary determining regions into a framework region or resurfacing. Resurfacing (also known as veneering) involves modifying a variable region so the surface exposed regions are humanized.

Grafting complementary determining regions involves taking such regions or a portion of such regions from, for example, a murine source and inserting the regions into a human variable region framework. The human framework used for grafting can be selected based on sequence homology to the variable region (*e.g.*, murine) from which the region was obtained. Essential framework residues associated with grafted complementary determining regions should also be provided in the new framework.

De-immunization involves altering potential linear T-cell epitopes present in the antibody. The epitopes can be identified based on a bioinformatics scan of known human HLA class I and/or class II epitopes. (Presta, *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews* 58:640-656, 2006.)

A chimeric antibody contains a human constant region along with a variable region from a different organism, such as a mouse. The human constant region provides an Fc region.

Additional examples of alterations include providing a variable region in, for example, a single chain antibody, a diabody, a triabody, a tetrabody, and a miniantibody. (Kipriyanov *et al.*, *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004.) The antigen binding protein can contain one or more variable

regions recognizing the same or different epitopes. (*Id.*) Additional embodiments of the present invention are directed to a single chain antibody, a diabody, a triabody, a tetrabody, or a miniantibody directed to the mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, or mAb 13G11.BF3 binding site.

III. Binding Protein Directed to the mAb 2H2.BE11 Target Region

As described in the Examples provided below, the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region was further characterized and the amino acids sequence of the variable regions was determined. The identified target region and the sequence information facilitate obtaining different binding proteins directed to the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region.

In an embodiment of the present invention, the binding protein binds to a polypeptide consisting of amino acids 76-357 of SEQ ID NO: 1. Preferably, the binding protein is either a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a de-immunized antibody, or chimeric antibody. Preferred antibodies are isolated antibodies and monoclonal antibodies.

The amino acids sequences of the mAb 2H2.BE11 variable regions are provided by SEQ ID NO: 20 (V_h) and SEQ ID NO: 21 (V_l). The complementary determining regions (CDR's) within V_h were identified at amino acids 36-45, 50-65, and 98-107. The CDR's within V_l were identified at amino acids 24-33, 49-55, and 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21.

In different embodiments directed to a V_h region, the binding protein binds the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region and comprises, consists, or consists essentially of: a first V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 36-45 by one amino acid; a second V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 50-65 by one amino acid; and a third V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 98-107 by one amino acid.

In different embodiments directed to a V_l region, the binding protein binds the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region and comprises, consists, or consists essentially of a first V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 24-33 by one amino acid; a second V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 49-55 by one amino acid; and a third V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 88-96 by one amino acid.

Reference to "consisting essentially of" with respect to a variable region, CDR region, or antibody sequence, indicates the possible presence of one or more additional amino acids, where such amino acids do not significantly decrease binding to the target.

An amino acid difference can be an amino acid deletion, insertion, or substitution. In substituting amino acids to maintain activity, the substituted amino acids should have one or more similar properties such as approximately the same charge, size, polarity and/or hydrophobicity.

Preferably, an amino acid substitution is a conservative substitution. A conservative substitution replaces an amino acid with another amino acid having similar properties. Table 1 provides a list of groups of amino acids, where one member of the group is a conservative substitution for another member.

Table 1 : Conservative Substitutions

Ala, Val, Ile, Leu, Met
Ser, Thr,
Tyr, Trp
Asn, Gln
Asp, Glu
Lys, Arg, His

In additional embodiments the V_h region is either SEQ ID NO: 20, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20; and/or the V_l region is either SEQ ID NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

In different embodiments focusing on an antibody, the antibody comprises, consists, or consists essentially of: (a) a heavy chain comprising a V_h region as described in this Section III, and a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 regions from an IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃ or IgG₄, and (b) a light chain comprising a V_l region as described above in this section III, and a human kappa C_L or human lambda C_L . In further embodiments: the antibody comprises, consists, or consists essentially of: (a) a heavy chain comprising a V_h region as described in this Section III, and a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 regions from an IgG₁ or IgG₂ and (b) a light chain comprising a V_l region as described above in this Section III, and a human kappa C_L ; and the heavy chain consists essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22 and/or the light chain consists essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23.

In additional embodiments the antigen-binding protein described herein has V_h and V_l regions providing an affinity K_D at least about 100 nM, preferably at least about 30 nM to the target antigen. Binding to the target antigen can be determined as described in Example 11, using an ORF0657n fragment from amino acids 42-486

Preferred binding proteins for the different embodiments are an antibody. More preferably the antibody is isolated or a monoclonal antibody.

IV. Protein Production

Antigen binding protein are preferably produced using recombinant nucleic acid techniques or through the use of a hybridoma. Recombinant nucleic acid techniques involve constructing

a nucleic acid template for protein synthesis. Hybridoma techniques involve using an immortalized cell line to produce the antigen binding protein. Suitable recombinant nucleic acid and hybridoma techniques are well known in the art. (See for example, Ausubel, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley, 2005, Harlow *et al.*, *Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1988.)

Recombinant nucleic acid encoding an antigen binding protein can be expressed in a host cell that in effect serves as a factory for the encoded protein. The recombinant nucleic acid can provide a recombinant gene encoding the antigen binding protein that exists autonomously from a host cell genome or as part of the host cell genome.

A recombinant gene contains nucleic acid encoding a protein along with regulatory elements for protein expression. Generally, the regulatory elements that are present in a recombinant gene include a transcriptional promoter, a ribosome binding site, a terminator, and an optionally present operator. A preferred element for processing in eukaryotic cells is a polyadenylation signal. Antibody associated introns may also be present. Examples of expression cassettes for antibody or antibody fragment production are well known in art. (E.g., Persic *et al.*, *Gene* 187:9-18, 1997, Boel *et al.*, *J. Immunol. Methods* 239:153-166, 2000, Liang *et al.*, *J. Immunol. Methods* 247:119-130, 2001, Tsurushita *et al.*, *Methods* 36:69-83, 2005.)

Due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, a large number of different encoding nucleic acid sequences can be used to code for a particular protein. The degeneracy of the genetic code arises because almost all amino acids are encoded by different combinations of nucleotide triplets or "codons". Amino acids are encoded by codons as follows:

A=Ala=Alanine: codons GCA, GCC, GCG, GCU

C=Cys=Cysteine: codons UGC, UGU

D=Asp=Aspartic acid: codons GAC, GAU

E=Glu=Glutamic acid: codons GAA, GAG

F=Phe=Phenylalanine: codons UUC, UUU

G=Gly=Glycine: codons GGA, GGC, GGG, GGU

H=His=Histidine: codons CAC, CAU

I=Ile=Isoleucine: codons AUA, AUC, AUU

K=Lys=Lysine: codons AAA, AAG

L=Leu=Leucine: codons UUA, UUG, CUA, CUC, CUG, CUU

M=Met=Methionine: codon AUG

N=Asn=Asparagine: codons AAC, AAU

P=Pro=Proline: codons CCA, CCC, CCG, CCU

Q=Gln=Glutamine: codons CAA, CAG

R=Arg=Arginine: codons AGA, AGG, CGA, CGC, CGG, CGU

S=Ser=Serine: codons AGC, AGU, UCA, UCC, UCG, UCU

T=Thr=Threonine: codons ACA, ACC, ACG, ACU

V=Val=Valine: codons GUA, GUC, GUG, GUU

W=Trp=Tryptophan: codon UGG

Y=Tyr=Tyrosine: codons UAC, UAU

Expression of a recombinant gene in a cell is facilitated using an expression vector.

Preferably, the expression vector, in addition to a recombinant gene, also contains an origin of replication for autonomous replication in a host cell, a selectable marker, a limited number of useful restriction enzyme sites, and a potential for high copy number. Examples of expression vectors for antibody and antibody fragment production are well known in art. (E.g., Persic *et al.*, *Gene* 187:9-18, 1997, Boel *et al.*, *J. Immunol. Methods* 239:153-166, 2000, Liang *et al.*, *J. Immunol. Methods* 247:119-130, 2001, Tsurushita *et al.*, *Methods* 36:69-83, 2005.)

If desired, nucleic acid encoding an antibody may be integrated into the host chromosome using techniques well known in the art. (E.g., Ausubel, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley, 2005, Marks *et al.*, International Application Number WO 95/17516, International Publication Date June 29, 1995.)

A variety of different cell lines can be used for recombinant antigen binding protein expression, including those from prokaryotic organisms (e.g., *E. coli*, *Bacillus* sp, and *Streptomyces* sp. (or streptomycete) and from eukaryotic (e.g., yeast, Baculovirus, and mammalian). (Breitling *et al.*, *Recombinant Antibodies*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. and Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, 1999, Kipriyanov *et al.*, *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004, Tsurushita *et al.*, *Methods* 36:69-83, 2005.)

Preferred hosts for recombinant antigen binding protein expression provide for mammalian post translational modifications. Post translational modifications chemical modification such as glycosylation and disulfide bond formation. Another type of post translational modification is signal peptide cleavage.

Proper glycosylation can be important for antibody function. (Yoo *et al.*, *Journal of Immunological Methods* 261:1-20, 2002, Li *et al.*, *Nature Biotechnology* 24(2):210-215, 2006.) Naturally occurring antibodies contain at least one N-linked carbohydrate attached to a heavy chain. (Yoo *et al.*, *Journal of Immunological Methods* 261:1-20, 2002.) Additional N-linked carbohydrates and O-linked carbohydrates may be present and may be important for antibody function. (*Id.*)

Different types of host cells can be used to provide for efficient post-translational modifications including mammalian host cells and non-mammalian cells. Examples of mammalian host cells include but are not limited to Chinese hamster ovary (Cho), HeLa, C6, PC12, Human Embryonic Kidney (HEK293) and myeloma cells. (Yoo *et al.*, *Journal of Immunological Methods* 261:1-20, 2002, Persic *et al.*, *Gene* 187:9-18, 1997.) Non-mammalian cells can be modified to replicate human glycosylation. (Li *et al.*, *Nature Biotechnology* 24(2):210-215, 2006.) Glycoenginnered *Pichia pastoris* is an example of such a modified non-mammalian cell. (Li *et al.*, *Nature Biotechnology* 24(2):210-215, 2006.)

Preferred recombinant genes comprise a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody variable region that binds to a target region selected from the group consisting of: mAb IG3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region. A particular recombinant gene can encode for a protein containing one variable region or both a V_h and V_l region. The recombinant gene can also encode for antibody constant regions and hinge region. If desired, an antibody can be produced using a combination of recombinant genes, where one gene encodes for a light chain and the second gene encodes for a heavy chain.

Different embodiments are provided by the nucleic acid encoding a protein described in Section II or III *supra*. Examples of such embodiments are provided below.

In an embodiment directed to a V_h encoding region, the nucleotide sequence encodes a variable region comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of: a first V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 36-45 by one amino acid; a second V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 50-65 by one amino acid; and a third V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 98-107 by one amino acid.

In an embodiment directed to a V_l encoding region, the nucleotide sequence encodes a variable region comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of a first V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 24-33 by one amino acid; a second V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 49-55 by one amino acid; and a third V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 88-96 by one amino acid.

In additional embodiments: the V_h region is either SEQ ID NO: 20, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20; and the V_l region is either SEQ ID NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

In different embodiments focusing on an antibody heavy and/or light chain, the recombinant gene encodes either or both a protein comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of: (a) a heavy chain comprising a V_h region as provided in Section III *supra*, a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 from an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3 or IgG4 subtype or (b) a light chain comprising a V_l region as provided in Section III *supra*, and a human kappa C_L or lambda C_L . In a further embodiment the heavy chain consists essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22; and the light chain consists essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23.

V. Applications of Antigen Binding Proteins.

Antigens containing certain ORF0657n regions can be used to provide a protective immune response against *S. aureus* infection. (Anderson *et al.*, International Publication No. WO

2005/009379, International Publication Date February 3, 2005.) An antigen binding protein recognizing an ORF0657n target region can be used to facilitate the production, characterization, or study of ORF0657n antigens and vaccines. Antigen binding protein recognizing appropriate epitopes can also have therapeutic applications.

Examples of different uses in the production, characterization, or study of ORF0657n related antigens and vaccines include:

- 1) Identifying the presence of an ORF0657n antigen, for example, by Western blot;
- 2) Identifying the presence of an ORF0657n antigen on a cell surface, for example, by flow cytometry. This is useful, for example, in determining expression on multiple strains of *S. aureus* as well as confirmation of knock-out mutants;
- 3) Passive protection experiments. The antibodies can be used in a lethal model to determine if a specific area of the ORF0657n protein confers protection;
- 4) An immunoassay. The assay can be used to monitor antigen quality, product production and stability;
- 5) As a control in mouse potency assays to monitor immunogenicity of an antigen vaccine product; and
- 6) Serology assays can utilize a monoclonal antibody in a competitive format to identify an immune response to ORF0657n derived antigen vaccinated patients.

Techniques for using antigen binding proteins, such as monoclonal antibodies, in the production, characterization, or study of a target protein are well known in the art. (See, for example, Ausubel, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley, 2005, Harlow *et al.*, *Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1988, Harlow *et al.*, *Using Antibodies*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1999, Lipman *et al.*, *ILAR Journal* 46:258-268, 2005.)

In an embodiment of the present invention, the presence of an ORF0657n antigen in a solution, bound to a microsphere or on a cell is determined using an antigen binding protein. The ability of the binding protein to bind to a protein present in the solution or cell can be determined using different techniques such as a Western blot, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), flow cytometry, and Luminex immunoassay.

VI. Treatment

Therapeutic and prophylactic treatment can be performed on a patient using an antigen binding protein binding to an appropriate target region. Therapeutic treatment is performed on those persons infected with *S. aureus*. Prophylactic treatment can be performed on the general population or a subset of the general population. A preferred subset of the general population are those persons at an increased risk of *S. aureus* infection.

A "patient" refers to a mammal capable of being infected with *S. aureus*. Preferably, the patient is a human. However, other types of mammals such as cows, pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits, horses, dogs, cats, monkeys, rats, and mice, can be infected with *S. aureus*. Treatment of non-human patients is useful in protecting pets and livestock, and in evaluating the efficacy of a particular treatment.

Persons with an increased risk of *S. aureus* infection include health care workers; hospital patients; patients with a weakened immune system; patients undergoing surgery; patients receiving foreign body implants, such as a catheter or a vascular device; patients facing therapy leading to a weakened immunity; and persons in professions having an increased risk of burn or wound injury. (*The Staphylococci in Human Disease*, Crossley and Archer (ed.), Churchill Livingstone Inc. 1997.)

In an embodiment, a patient is administered an antigen binding protein in conjunction with surgery or a foreign body implant. Reference to "surgery or a foreign body implant" includes surgery with or without providing a foreign implant, and providing a foreign implant with or without surgery. The timing of administration can be designed to achieve prophylactic treatment and/or therapeutic treatment. Administration is preferably started around the same time as surgery or implantation.

Guidelines for pharmaceutical administration in general are provided in, for example, *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences 20th Edition*, Ed. Gennaro, Mack Publishing, 2000; and *Modern Pharmaceutics 2nd Edition*, Eds. Bunker and Rhodes, Marcel Dekker, Inc., 1990.

Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers facilitate storage or administration of an antigen binding protein. Substances used to stabilize protein solution formulations include carbohydrates, amino acids, and buffering salts. (Middaugh *et al.*, *Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology* 137:33-58, 1999.)

Antigen binding proteins can be administered by different routes such as intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular, or mucosal. Subcutaneous and intramuscular administration can be performed using, for example, needles or jet-injectors. Mucosal delivery, such as nasal delivery, can involve using enhancers or mucoadhesives to produce a longer retention time at adsorption sites. (Middaugh *et al.*, *Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology* 137:33-58, 1999.)

Suitable dosing regimens are preferably determined taking into account factors well known in the art including age, weight, sex and medical condition of the patient; the route of administration; the desired effect; and the particular compound employed. It is expected that an effective dose range should be about 0.1 mg/kg to 20 mg/kg, or 0.5 mg/kg to 5 mg/kg. The dosing frequency can vary depending upon the effectiveness and stability of the compound. Examples of dosing frequencies include biweekly, weekly, monthly and bimonthly.

VII. Examples

Examples are provided below further illustrating different features of the present invention. The examples also illustrate useful methodology for practicing the invention. These examples do not limit the claimed invention.

Example 1: Generation of Monoclonal Antibodies to ORF0657n

Monoclonal antibodies directed to ORF0657n (SEQ ID NO: 1) were generated using ORF0657n-C/e (SEQ ID NO: 2) or ORF0657n-H/y (SEQ ID NO: 3) as an antigen. The antibodies were identified and characterized by ELISA and flow cytometry.

Mice and Immunizations: Female BALB/c mice, 4-5 weeks old, were purchased from Taconic (Germantown, N. Y.). Mice were immunized intramuscularly (i.m.) on days 0, 7, and 21, with 20 µg of *E. coli* produced ORF0657n-C/e antigen or Yeast expressed ORF0657n-H/y antigen, formulated on aluminum hydroxyphosphate adjuvant. (Anderson *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 2005/009379, International Publication Date February 3, 2005.) A final intravenous injection (i.v.) of 20 µg of protein in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) was given to mice three days prior to the fusion. Mice were sacrificed and the spleens removed for cell fusion.

MAb Production: Lymphocytes prepared from spleens were fused with the mouse myeloma partner SP2/0-Ag14 (ATCC 1581) by polyethylene glycol 1500 (Boehringer Mannheim) at a ratio of 3:1. The fusions were plated into 96-well flat-bottomed microtiter plates in Dulbecco's Modification of Eagle's Medium, high glucose, pyruvate (DMEM) containing 20% fetal bovine serum, hypoxanthine (10^{-4} M), thymidine (10^{-5} M), Aminopterin (4×10^{-7} M) was added 24 hours later. Supernatants from growing hybridomas were screened by ELISA for reactivity to ORF0657n as described below. Positive wells were cloned by limiting dilution and retested for ELISA reactivity. Monoclonal antibodies were classified with an antibody-isotyping kit (Roche Diagnostics Corporation, Indianapolis, IN).

ELISA: Costar medium binding microtiter plates were coated overnight at 2-8°C with 50 nanograms per well of *E. coli* expressed SEQ ID NO: 2 in PBS. The plate was washed three times with PBS, 0.05% Tween20 and blocked with 1% Bovine serum albumin, PBS, 0.05% Tween20 (assay diluent) for at least 1 hour. The plate was washed as before and supernatants from the fusion wells or cloned hybridomas were added and allowed to incubate for 2 hours at room temperature. The plate was washed as before and a Goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L)-HRP conjugate (Zymed) (1:8000 in assay diluent) added and allowed to incubate for 1 hour at room temperature. Assay plates were developed with TMB substrate, the reaction stopped with 2.0 N H₂SO₄ and read in a plate reader at OD 450 nm. Wells were considered positive that had an optical density at 450 nm of >1.0.

Flow Cytometry: Prepared glycerol stocks of *S. aureus* passaged under iron-starved conditions (in RPMI) were used to evaluate mAb for ORF0657n binding. Frozen glycerol stock cells were thawed and resuspended in PBS; 1% bovine serum albumin; 0.1% sodium azide, 0.2% Pig IgG (Sigma) (PAAG) to a concentration of 5×10^7 CFU/50 µl. A 50 µl aliquot of the cells were placed in a 1.5 ml Eppendorf tube per reaction. Fifty microliters of the hybridoma culture were added to each reaction tube and incubated for 1 hour at room temperature. The cells were washed by adding 1 mL of phosphate buffered saline; 1% bovine serum albumin; 0.1% sodium azide (PAA) to the tube. The cells

were pelleted by centrifugation (5500 rpm, 5 minutes). The supernatant was removed and the cells were mixed with 100 μ L of secondary antibody (FITC-labeled goat anti-mouse Ig (BD Pharmingen) diluted 1:100 in PAAG). Incubation was for 1 hour at room temperature in the dark. After incubation, 1 mL PAA was added to the reaction mixture, the cells were pelleted (5500 rpm, 5 minutes) and supernatant removed. The pellets were resuspended in 1 mL of PBS and transferred to 12 x 75 mm tubes for FAC analysis.

Tubes were run on a BD-FACSCalibur flow cytometer instrument gated for bacterial cells and measuring the amount of FITC associated with the cells. A standard antibody with known binding to the surface of *S. aureus* was run in every assay. A negative control was run as cells and the secondary conjugate alone. Hybridoma wells were considered positive if the geometric mean value was greater than 30.

Two separate fusions resulted in a panel of twelve monoclonal antibodies (mAb). All of the mAbs were reactive in ELISA (Table 2). Ten of the twelve mAbs bound to the surface of bacteria as evidenced by flow cytometry. All of the mAbs were positive by Western Blot analysis with the wild type protein.

Table 2

mAbs/cell lines Fusion #1	mAbs/cell lines Fusion #2
1) 2H2.B8 IgG1	
2) 8H6.E11.H3 IgG2a*	
3) 7H2.C11 IgG1*	
	4) 2E12.A8 IgG1
	5) 8A8.B4 IgG1
	6) 3G11.D5 IgG1
	7) 13G11.C11 IgG1
	8) 13C7.D12 IgG1
	9) 1G3.B3 IgG1
	10) 9H3.E4 IgG1
	11) 3B7.G8 IgG1
	12) 3G12.A4 IgG1

* Not reactive in flow cytometry. Fusion #1 was generated from *E. coli* produced ORF0657n-C/e antigen. Fusion #2 was generated with Yeast expressed ORF0657n-H/y antigen.

Example 2: Class Switching mAbs

All of the mAbs isolated that bound to the native antigen were of the IgG1 isotype. These antibodies were class switched to an IgG2b isotype by selecting for shift variants (Spira *et al*, *J. of Immunological Methods*, 74:307-315, 1985). A suitable immunoassay was developed using an IgG2b conjugate and the cell line was plated at a high density. Somatic cell mutations were selected, enriched

and then cloned. The binding site of the switched mAb remained identical to the original mAb, but switching to an IgG2b subtype gave a more favorable isotype (initiating the complement cascade) in the passive protection studies.

Table 3 Class Switched mAbs

IgG1 isotype	IgG2b isotype
2H2.B8	2H2.BE11
2E12.A8	2E12.BG1
8A8.B4	8A8.BF9
3G11.D5	3G11.BE5
13G11.C11	13G11.BF3
13C7.D12	13C7.BC1
1G3.B3	1G3.BD4
9H3.E4	9H3.BE4

Example 3: Binding Inhibition Studies with Native Antigen

Purified antibodies were labeled with Alexafluor-488 using a mAb labeling kit (Molecular Probes) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The amount of mAb that would just saturate the surface of RPMI-grown bacterial cells was determined for both the labeled and unlabeled mAbs. Each of the mAbs in Table 3 (1st column) were used labeled and unlabeled.

The inhibition assay was performed by first incubating 5×10^7 cells with the unlabeled mAb at a concentration that would saturate the surface of the cells. This reaction was incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. After this incubation, the reactions were washed with 1 ml of PAA and spun at 6,000 RPM for 5 minutes in a microcentrifuge (Hermle). The supernatant was removed down to ~50 ul and the cells were resuspended in 100 ul of PAAG containing the amount of directly labeled mAb that would just saturate the surface of the cells. After this incubation, the reactions were washed with 1 ml of PAA and spun at 6,000 RPM for 5 minutes in a microcentrifuge (Hermle). The supernatant was removed down to ~50 ul and the cells were resuspended in 1 ml of PBS and transferred to 12 x 75 mm tubes for FAC analysis. As controls, separate reactions with the unlabeled mAb were measured with a secondary Alexafluor-488 conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L) (Molecular probes, 1:400 in PAAG) to determine that this mAb was bound to the surface. A positive control was also performed that had only the labeled mAb with the cells. If the unlabeled mAb bound to the same epitope as the labeled mAb then there would be no or low fluorescent reactivity associated with the cells. If the unlabeled mAb bound to a different epitope than the labeled mAb then the level of reactivity associated with the surface would be equivalent to the labeled mAb only control cells.

The panel of monoclonal antibodies fell into four reactive groups by inhibition studies:

Table 4

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV
2H2.B8	9H3.E4	13G11.C11	2E12.A8
8A8.B4	1G3.B3		13C7.D12
	3G11.D5		

Example 4: Binding Studies with Denatured Antigen and Altered Antigens

ORF0657n altered proteins were used to further characterize binding. Nucleic acid encoding ORF0657n was initially cloned into the expression vector pET-28a (Novagen) and expressed in *E. coli* with a C-terminal 6X his tag (SEQ ID NO: 2). The expression vector with the cloned gene was subjected to mutagenesis using Stratagene's QuikChange XL Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit following the manufacturer's instructions. The gene was mutated with specific sequential amino acid changes. The resulting plasmid was transformed into Stratagene's XL10-Gold competent cells following the manufacturer's protocol. Plasmids were isolated from transformants using Qiagen's QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit. Transformants were screened by sequencing using ABI's 310 DNA Sequencer. Plasmid from the transformant exhibiting the greatest number of base changes was transformed into the expression host HMS174(DE3) (Novagen). Transformants were expressed following Novagen's instructions.

Different ORF0657n altered proteins were used to determine the diversity of the ORF0657n mAbs (SEQ IDs 4-19). These proteins were screened with the 10 different mAbs in dot blots using standard procedures. Positive/negatives were confirmed by Western blots using standard procedures. By this approach antibodies were grouped according to their binding profile. Seven of the antibodies resolved to three groups; the three remaining antibodies (2H2.B8, 8A8.E11.H3 and 13G11.C11) had profiles that were similar but not identical to each other (Table 5).

TABLE 5: Binding of ORF0657n specific mAbs to ORF0657n mutant proteins detected by Western blot

	Group III	Group II	Group IV	Group I			
SEQ ID NO:	3G11.C11 3G12.A4	3B7.G8 1G3.B3 9H3.E4	2E12.A8 13C7.D12	2H2.B8	8A8.E11.H3	13G11.C11	
1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

TABLE 5: Binding of ORF0657n specific mAbs to ORF0657n mutant proteins detected by Western blot

	Group III		Group II			Group IV		Group I		
SEQ ID NO:	3G11.C11	3G12.A4	3B7.G8	1G3.B3	9H3.E4	2E12.A8	13C7.D12	2H2.B8	8A8.E11.H3	13G11.C11
4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
6	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
7	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
8	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
9	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+
10	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+
11	-	-	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	W
12	-	-	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	W
13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
16	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
19	+	+	+	+	+	W	W	-	-	+

+, Antibody bound to protein in a Western; -, Antibody did not bind to protein by Western; W, Weak binding of antibody to protein detected by Western. Antibodies were grouped according to hybridization profile. A dotted line is used where similar, but not identical profiles were obtained.

Example 5: BIAcore Studies

In BIAcore studies the mAbs were examined by "footprint analysis" using purified ORF0657n-H/y as the antigen. Pair-wise binding experiments were conducted using real-time biomolecular interaction analysis via BIACORE®. BIACORE® incorporates microfluidics technology and surface plasmon resonance (SPR) to detect changes in mass by monitoring changes in the refractive index of a polarized light aimed directly at the surface of a carboxyl methyl dextran coated (CM5) sensor chip. The changes in response, measured in Response Units, can be correlated to the amount of bound analyte (*i.e.* antigen or antibody).

An anti-staphylococcal antibody (mAb 13C7.D12) was covalently bound (immobilized) on the surface of the CM5 sensor chip. The immobilized Ab was exposed first to the ORF0657n protein and subsequently to a pair of antibodies in a matrix format. After each cycle of ORF0657n protein + antibody pair, the surface of the sensor chip was regenerated back to the immobilized mAb 13C7.D12

using 20 mM HCl. Eight antibodies were tested against the ORF0657n protein in a matrix format so that all combinations of each antibody pair could be analyzed. The matrix design for mAb pairs used in this experiment is summarized in Table 6.

Table 6. Summary of Antibodies Tested in 8x8 Matrix

Cycle #	First Antibody	Second Antibody			
		Flow Cell 1	Flow Cell 2	Flow Cell 3	Flow Cell 4
1	N/A Immobilization	13C7.D12	13C7.D12	13C7.D12	13C7.D12
2	2H2.B8	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
3	2H2.B8	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
4	13C7.D12	2H.B82	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
5	13C7.D12	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
6	8A8.B4	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
7	8A8.B4	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
8	9H3.E4	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
9	9H3.E4	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
10	13G11.C11	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
11	13G11.C11	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
12	2E12.A8	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
13	2E12.A8	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
14	1G3.B3	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
15	1G3.B3	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
16	3G11.D5	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
17	3G11.D5	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5

To normalize for the amount of antigen initially bound (captured) in each run, the following ratio for each test antibody/antigen complex is calculated:

$$= \frac{\text{Test Antibody Response Units}^* 1000}{\text{ORF0657n protein Response Units}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\text{mRU}_{\text{Ab}}}{\text{RU}_{\text{Ag}}}$$

The percentage of available epitope remaining for each antibody can be calculated for the mapping pair as follows:

$$= \frac{(\text{mRU}_{\text{Ab}} \text{ (when 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ Ab) / RU}_{\text{Ag}})^* 100}{(\text{mRU}_{\text{Ab}} \text{ (when 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ Ab) / RU}_{\text{Ag}})} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\% \text{ Remaining}}{(\text{calculated for each Ab})}$$

Figure 2 illustrates matrix resulting outlining the reactivities of the monoclonal antibodies in a pair-wise binding study. The panel of monoclonal antibodies fell into three reactive areas by the BIACORE® method (See Table 7).

Table 7

Group I	Group II	Group III
2H2.B8	13G11.C11	13C7.D12
8A8.B4	3G11.D5	2E12.A8
9H3.E4		
1G3.B3		

Example 6: Protection Studies with Passive Immunization in a Murine Sepsis Model

The monoclonal antibodies mAb 2H2.BE11 and mAb 13C7.BC1 were tested for their ability to provide protection against *S. aureus* infection. These antibodies recognize different epitopes on the ORF0657n protein. Controls included an isotype matched mAb and PBS-only.

The mAbs or PBS were administered intraperitoneally (i.p.) 20 hours prior to bacterial challenge. Mice were then challenged with a LD₅₀₋₉₀ dose of *S. aureus* Becker i.v. and monitored for survival. Each experiment was repeated three times with groups of 10 or 20 mice and was monitored for 10 days. The half life for the monoclonal antibodies in uninfected BALB/c mice is approximately eight days. A dose of 0.5 mg was found to be optimal. The results of experiments with the two monoclonal antibodies are presented in Figures 3A-C, 4A, 4B, and 5A-C.

Whereas the mAb 13C7.BC1 significantly improved survival at day 10 compared to the controls in one experiment, in the other 2 repetitions the overall survival rate was similar to that of the controls (Figures 3A-3C). However, compared to controls, there was delay in the time to death of the mAb 13C7.BC1 treated mice within this 10 day period. A similar trend in delay of time to death of the mAb 2H2.BE11 treated mice was also noted in two of the three experiments (Figures 5A-5C).

The effect of mAb 13C7.BC1 was also examined using a recent *S. aureus* clinical isolate UK58 (Figures 4A and 4B). This strain was minimally passaged from an abscess site in a patient. In two independent experiments, the results show a delay in time to death with the UK58 challenge.

Antibody persistence studies cannot be evaluated in the LD₅₀₋₉₀ model due to the rapid rate of death. Therefore, a sub-lethal challenge model was run. In the sub-lethal model the challenge dose used is 10% of that used for the LD₅₀₋₉₀ model. The sub-lethal challenge model was monitored over a four day period. Groups of 22 mice received 0.5 mg doses of either mAb 13C7.BC1 or isotype control mAb (6G6) 20 hours prior to i.v. bacterial challenge with 5 X 10⁷ CFU of *S. aureus* Becker. Two animals from each group were sacrificed just prior to challenge (T=0) to determine the mAb levels in the

serum at the time of challenge. At 2, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours post challenge, four mice from each group were sacrificed and serum mAb levels determined.

From this sub-lethal challenge experiment, the half life of mAb 13C7.BC1 in *S. aureus*-infected mice was estimated to be approximately one-day. In contrast, the half life of the isotype control mAb was estimated to be greater than four days (data not shown). These data point to a specific reduction of mAb 13C7.BC1 in *S. aureus* challenged mice, which appears to be exhausted well before the ten day period monitored in the lethal model.

In six of the eight experiments illustrated in Figures 3A-C, 4A, 4B, and 5A-C, improved survival was observed through approximately three days for the groups receiving the mAb administration. These results provide an indication that such mAbs have a positive effect on the survival rate of *S. aureus* challenged mice.

Example 7: Protection Studies with Passive Immunization in a Murine Indwelling Catheter Model

A murine indwelling catheter model was used with mAb 2H2.BE11. The *S. aureus* strain used in this model was the clinical isolate MCL8538. This strain was selected as lower inocula could be administered while still getting reproducible colonization of catheters compared to *S. aureus* Becker, the strain used in the murine sepsis model.

ICR mice had catheters (PE50 silicone rubber) surgically implanted into the jugular vein, held in place with sutures, and exiting with a port on the dorsal midline of the mouse. Mice were rested 9-11 days post surgery. At 24 hours prior to challenge, mice were passively immunized with a single injection of 600 mcg of murine monoclonal antibody 2H2.BE11 administered i.p. At day 0, mice were challenged with *S. aureus* MCL8538 administered i.v. The inoculum dose was $2 - 8 \times 10^5$ CFU in 100 μ l volume (Experiments 1 to 3). This low dose was found to clear spontaneously from the catheters after 4 days. Therefore, catheters were assessed for bacteria at 24 hours post challenge. At that time, mice were sacrificed and catheters harvested. The presence of bacteria on the catheters was assessed by culturing the entire catheter on TSA. If any sign of outgrowth was observed on the plate the catheter was scored as culture positive.

In two of the first three experiments, the number of culture negative catheters was significantly lower in mice passively immunized with antibody 2H2.BE11, as compared to the isotype control antibody. A fourth experiment was performed using a larger inoculum dose. In this more rigorous challenge, the dose was determined to be one in which 100% of catheters were reproducibly infected, and this infection was not spontaneously cleared by control mice (monitored over 7 days). In experiment 4, with the larger inoculum size, again, significantly fewer catheters were found to be infected in mice injected with antibody to 2H2.BE11, compared with the isotype control. Results of the four experiments are summarized in Table 8.

Table 8: Number Of Culture Negative Catheters Obtained In 4 Independent Passive Transfer Experiments Using a Murine Indwelling Catheter Model

Monoclonal	Number of Culture-Negative Catheters					p-value
	Exp#1	Exp#2	Exp#3	Exp#4	Total	
2H2.BE11	3 of 4 (75%)	6 of 8 (75%)	4 of 10 (40%)	4 of 9 (44%)	17/31 (54%)	0.0187
Isotype matched control	1 of 4 (25%)	3 of 8 (38%)	4 of 10 (40%)	0 of 9 (0%)	8/31 (25%)	

Groups of ICR mice with indwelling catheters were injected i.p. with 600 mcg of murine monoclonal antibody 24 hours prior to challenge, all monoclonals of the IgG2b isotype

Example 8: Ex-Vivo Pre-Opsonization of Bacteria Using anti-ORF0657n Monoclonal Antibodies

2H2.B8 (IgG1), 2H2.BE11 (IgG2b), or 13C7.IgG2b or Isotype Matched Control mAbs

To test whether monoclonal antibodies to ORF0657n are opsonic, passive protection experiments were conducted in which a lethal dose of *S. aureus* was pre-opsonized with the monoclonal antibodies 2H2.B8, 2H2.BE11, or 13C7.IgG2b, or an isotype matched control monoclonal antibody. Pre-opsonized bacteria were then administered to mice i.p. Bacteria used in these experiments were *S. aureus* RN4220 (wild type) or RN4220.0657n. The RN4220.0657n bacteria were engineered to express ORF0657n in the absence of control by the FUR box. Therefore, they could be grown in the presence of iron and still express ORF0657n antigen on their surface. Alternatively, RN4220 (wild type) was passed 2X in a low iron medium RPMI to induce expression of 0657n on the bacteria surface.

A quantity of bacteria sufficient for 6 Balb/c mice (6 X LD₁₀₀) was incubated with 800 µg IgG at 4 °C for 1 hour, with gentle rocking. Bacteria were then pelleted and any unbound mAb removed. Antibody-opsonized bacteria were re-suspended in 2.4 mL of PBS, and 0.4 mL (1 X LD₁₀₀) was injected into each of five mice. After challenge, each inoculum was quantitated by plating on TSA to insure that equivalent CFU was given to all groups of mice and that the mAbs had not aggregated the bacteria. Survival was monitored for 3 days post challenge. Since the target antigen must be present on the surface of the bacteria for this procedure to be effective, care was taken to ensure that 0657n was expressed on the bacteria prior to opsonization. ORF0657n expression was monitored by flow cytometry using mAb 2H2.B8. The dose of opsonized bacteria injected into each mouse was 2-4 X 10⁹ CFU RN4220.0657n/mouse, or 1-2 X 10⁹ CFU RN4220(2X RPMI)/mouse.

When pre-opsonized with either 2H2.B8 or 2H2.BE11, but not an isotype matched control mAb, mice were protected from death from a lethal dose of RN4220.0657n staphylococci. The experiment was repeated twice for the IgG1 isotype and three times for the IgG2b isotype with similar results (Table 9A).

Table 9A: Ex-vivo Protection with Anti-0657n mAb

Monoclonal	Exp 1 Surviving Mice	Exp 2 Surviving Mice	Exp 3 Surviving Mice	Total
2H2.BE11 (IgG2b)	5	4	5	93% (14/15)
6G6.A8 (IgG2b)	1	0	1	13% (2/15)
PBS	1	2	0	20% (3/15)
2H2.BE11 (IgG1)	ND	4	5	90% (9/10)
10B4.H4 (IgG1)	ND	1	1	20% (2/10)

Five mice were used in each experiment. Challenge strain RN4220.0657n.pYZ119. Dose: 2-4 X 10⁹ CFU. Test mAbs: murine anti-0657n 2H2.BE11 (IgG2b); 2H2.B8 (IgG1).

When pre-opsonized with either mAb 2H2.B8 but not an isotype matched control mAb, mice were protected from death from a lethal dose of RN4220 (2X RPMI) staphylococci. The experiment was repeated six times with similar results (Table 9B).

Table 9B: Ex-vivo Protection with Anti-0657n mAb

Monoclonal	# Tests	Aggregate	% Survival
2H2.B8	6	30/30	100%
10B4.IgG1 Isotype control	6	2/30	7%
13C7.IgG2b	2	0/10	0%
6G6.IgG2b Isotype control	2	0/10	0%

Murine anti-0657n 2H2 was very effective in preventing death in this lethal model. The 13C7 mAb was not effective in this model (as opposed to the previously described model illustrated in Figures 3-6). All (2H2.BE11, 2H2.B8 and 13C7.IgG2b) of the anti-0657n mAb's bind RN4220 (as demonstrated using flow cytometry) and all have opsonizing activity in the *in vitro* OPA assay. This model reflects an additional requirement for epitope specificity for enhancing survival in the peritoneum of the mouse.

Example 8: Epitope mapping studies performed with 2H2 mAb

The experiments described in this example provide evidence that the monoclonal antibody 2H2.BE11 recognizes a conformational epitope within ORFO657n. The experiments localized the minimal sequence within ORFO657n required for displaying the conformational epitope in a three dimensional structure recognized by 2H2 mAb. In addition, the experiments identified distinct lysine

residues within the minimal sequence of ORFO657n that become protected from reacting with small molecules when 2H2 mAb is bound to ORFO657n.

The potential ability of 2H2 mAb to recognize linear epitopes of typically 9 to 14 amino acids in length within the sequence of ORFO657n was investigated using epitope extraction and starting with an ORFO657n fragment from amino acid 42 to amino acid 486 of SEQ ID NO: 1 ("ORF0657t"). In detail: 30 ug of 2H2 mAb were immobilized by chemical cross linking to 10 mg of cyanogen bromide activated sepharose (Amersham cat. No. 17 0430 01) for each of the epitope extraction experiments. Proteolytic digests of the ORF0657t were generated with GluC (Roche Applied Science cat. No. 11 420 3997 001), Asp-N (Roche Applied Science cat. No. 11 054 589 001) or Chymotrypsin (Roche Applied Science cat. No. 11 418 467 001) and characterized by 1D/LC-MS/MS on a linear ion trap (LTQ – Thermo Electron Inc). In three individual experiments 8.4 µg of the characterized proteolytic digest from any protease was allowed to react with the immobilized antibody. Unbound peptides were washed off the antibody cross-linked beads. Potentially bound peptides were eluted with low pH and characterized by 1D/LC-MS/MS. None of the generated proteolytic peptides were recognized with high efficiency and specificity by 2H2 mAb, providing a strong indication that 2H2 mAb did not recognize a linear epitope.

The finding that 2H2 mAb did not recognize a linear sequence of ORFO657n was corroborated by a limited chemical cleavage experiment. ORF0657t was chemically cleaved with CNBr for 2 hours. The resulting cleavage products were analyzed by SDS-PAGE. SDS-PAGE analysis showed 5 major bands with molecular weights of approximately 42 kDa, 35 kDa, 25 kDa, 15 kDa and 10 kDa. A Western Blot analysis with 2H2 mAb clearly showed that only the 42 kDa band was recognized by 2H2. All bands were excised from the SDS-PAGE, in-gel digest was performed, and the resulting peptides that were identified by tandem mass spectrometry were matched to corresponding sequences in ORF0657t. The result of the analysis of the major bands is shown in Table 10:

Table 10

CNBr cleavage	Binds to 2H2 mAb	ORFO657t	Calculated MW kDa
Band 42 kDa	yes	[001-356]	40.7
Band 35 kDa	no	[001-323]	36.7
Band 25 kDa	no	[001-214]	23.9
		[116-302]	21.9
Band 15 kDa	no	[215-356]	16.8
		[303-446]	16.6
Band 10 kDa	no	[114-214]	11.7
		[215-302]	10.39
		[357-446]	10.28

The importance of a fragment with a molecular weight of ~ 42 kDa was confirmed by epitope excision. In detail, 210 µg of 2H2 mAb was immobilized by chemical cross linking to 50 mg of cyanogen bromide activated sepharose (Amersham cat. No. 17 0430 01) for each of the epitope excision experiments. Then, 50 µg of intact ORF0657t was allowed to bind to the immobilized antibody and non-bound ORF0657t washed off by intensive washing with phosphate buffered saline. In three independent experiments proteases Glu-C, Trypsin and a sequential combination of GluC, AspN, Trypsin, Chymotrypsin, and Carboxy-peptidase Y were added for 5 hours or one hour per protease in the sequential combination. Peptides that were excised by the proteases during the incubation were thoroughly washed away and ORF0657t fragments that specifically bound to 2H2 mAb released with SDS loading buffer.

Fragments that specifically bound to 2H2 mAb were analyzed by SDS-page. All three of the epitope excision experiments showed exclusively one band with a molecular weight between 40 and 42 kDa in the SDS-Page analysis. Bands binding to 2H2 mAb were confirmed by Western Blot analysis. The epitope excision experiment was repeated for the Glu-C protease. This time the fragment of ORF0657t that specifically bound to 2H2 mAb was released with acidic conditions and analyzed by 1D/LC-MS/MS on a linear ion trap (LTQ, Thermo Electron). The eluted sample showed a signal (total ion count) with the expected intensity at 82-87 minutes (40%– 45% acetonitrile) and multiple charge states ($[M+67 H]^{67+}$ to $[M+30 H]^{30+}$) that deconvoluted to 42.628 kDa. A possible fragment of ORFO657t corresponding to this particular mass is sequence [012-382] of ORFO657t with a molecular weight of 42.6 kDa.

To determine which lysine residues of ORFO657t are protected from chemical reactions upon binding of 2H2 mAb, chemical labeling experiments were preformed with sulfo-NHS-acetate (Pierce Cat. No. 26777) using three different experimental conditions in the presence or absence of 2H2 mAb. See Table 11.

Table 11

Experiment	1	2	3
molar excess 2H2 mAb	0 or 3	0 or 3	0 or 3
molar excess sulfo-NHS acetate	25	500	75
Reaction temperature °C	room temperature	15	37
Reaction time	1 hour	30 minutes	2 hours

For each experiment, reaction products produced with 0 or 3 molar excess 2H2 mAb were incubated with one of three proteases resulting in 2 x 9 reaction mixtures. Experiment 1 employed

GluC, AspN and Trypsin. Experiments 2 and 3 employed GluC, AspN, and Chymotrypsin. The proteolytic peptides were then analyzed by 1D/LC-MS/MS. For each of the reactions a ratio of acetylated and non-acetylated lysine residues was calculated based on the area under curve of the total ion count (TIC) of the individual peptides. Obtained ratios were then compared between the pairs (with and without 2H2 mAb) for identical reaction conditions. A global analysis was performed for all three reaction conditions to identify lysine residues within ORF0657t that are maximally shielded upon binding of ORF0657t to 2H2 mAb. The chemical labeling experiment described above identified K76, K257 and potentially K443 as being most protected upon binding of 2H2 mAb. Protection against chemical labeling is likely due to direct binding. However, it is possible that such protection could be due to binding in close proximity to the protected sites or by long range structural changes within ORF0657t.

In summary, the above described experiments provide clear evidence that the epitope within ORF0657t that is recognized by the 2H2 mAb is conformational. The fragment of ORF0657t that is recognized by 2H2 mAb has an N-terminus located between amino acids 1 and 115 of ORF0657t and a carboxyl terminus located between amino acids 323-357 of ORF0657t. Even though it can not be excluded that protection from chemical labeling upon binding of 2H2 mAb is influenced by long range structural changes, it is very likely that areas in close proximity to Lysine 76 and Lysine 275 participate in direct antibody interaction.

Example 9: 2H2 mAb Sequence Identification

Identification of the variable light (V_l) and variable heavy (V_h) sequences of hybridoma expressed 2H2 IgG was accomplished by combining the degenerative primer PCR /overlap extension cloning process for single chain variable fragments (scFv) assembly (Krebber *et al.* *JIM* 201(1):35-55, 1997), with high throughput screening of soluble scFv fused to a human kappa light chain constant domain or scAb material via Biacore. This allowed for fine discrimination of mutations in V_l frameworks 1, 4 and V_h frameworks 1, 4 generated by the degenerative primer method.

Briefly, RNA material was purified from the hybridoma cell line using standard methods from a Total RNA Kit™ (Ambion Inc.). This material was then reverse transcribed to cDNA and utilized as template in PCR to amplify the variable regions. The conditions for the PCR amplification of the V_l and V_h chains was based upon the protocol described by Krebber *et al.* *JIM* 201(1):35-55, 1997. The primers are designed such that a (Gly4Ser)₄ linker (SEQ ID NO: 32) is added which provides domains for a third PCR reaction in which the V_h and V_l are overlapped to create a V_l -(Gly4Ser)₄- V_h scFv.

The first set of PCR reactions to amplify the variable chains individually, were carried out in a volume of 100 μ l containing 5 μ l of the cDNA reaction, 2 μ M each of the forward and reverse primer sets for amplification of V_l and V_h , and a high fidelity PCR master mix. The reactions were denatured for 4 minutes at 94°C followed by 30 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 30 seconds at 50°C, 1

minute at 72°C, and finished at a final cycle of 5 minutes at 72°C. The full length PCR products were gel purified.

To construct the full length product a third PCR reaction was done to assemble to scFv from the amplified V_h and V_l material. In a volume of 100 µl approximately 20 ng each of V_h and V_l DNA and a high fidelity PCR master mix was denatured for 5 minutes at 94°C, followed by 3 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 30 s at 60°C, and 30 seconds at 72°C in the absence of primers. The modified PCR primers, SEQ ID NO: 33 and SEQ ID NO: 34 were added at a final concentration of 1 µM, and 30 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 1 minutes at 60°C, and 1 minute at 72°C were performed, followed by 7 minutes at 72°C. The expected full length scFv PCR products were gel purified.

The amplified scFv material was cloned into the MP16 soluble expression vector for scAb production (Hayhurst *et al.*, *JIM* 276(1-2):185-196, 2003) and sequence analysis. A single restriction enzyme digest with Sfi1 was used for directional cloning into the MP16 vector. Clones with apparent full length variable heavy and variable light chains present were then expressed as scAbs in XL1-Blue cells and recovered from the periplasm using a standard osmotic shock procedure. Briefly, clones were grown at 37°C overnight in growth media containing 2% glucose and 100 µg/ml ampicillin in a 96 well format. 20 µl of the overnight culture was transferred to new media containing 0.1% glucose and 100 µg/ml ampicillin and grown until an OD₆₀₀ of 0.6 was reached. The cells were induced for scAb expression by adding IPTG at a final concentration of 0.5 mM and incubated overnight while shaking at 150 rpm, at room temperature. The scAbs were purified from the cells using a Qiagen Ni-NTA superflow robotic procedure.

To analyze each scAb periplasmic preparation for binding activity to ORF0657t, a Biacore3000 surface plasmon resonance (SPR) instrument (Upsala, Sweden) was utilized. Standard EDC/NHS coupling was used to covalently mobilize approximately 250 resonance units of the 0657t antigen directly to the experimental flow cell surface of a CMS sensor chip. A reference flow cell surface was activated and deactivated without coupling of protein. Each preparation was then run over the surface and association and dissociation of the scAb to antigen was measured. The surfaces were regenerated between runs by a single injection of 10 mM HCl for 20 seconds at a flow rate of 20 µl/min, followed by a 2 minute stabilization period. All samples were run in duplicate and buffer only runs were used as controls. After screening 95 clones, a clone was selected based on its binding activity. The final 2H2 clone chosen was based upon its similar affinity for ORF0657t as the original hybridoma prepared IgG material as well as comparative sequence analysis.

The amino sequence of the 2H2 V_h (SEQ ID NO: 20) and V_l (SEQ ID NO: 21) were as follows:

2H2 V_h Amino Acid Sequence (SEQ ID NO: 20)

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1 DVHLVESGPG LVAPSQNLSI TCTVSGFSLS RYGVHWVRQP PGKGLEWLGL
51 IWAGGVTIYN STLMSRLSIS KDSSKSQVFL KMNSLQIDDT AIYYCAREAS
101 RDHYFDYWGQ GTTLTVSS

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2H2 V_l Amino Acid Sequence (SEQ ID NO: 21)

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1 DIVMTQSPAI MSASPGEKIT MTCSASSSVS YIYWYQQKSG TSPKRWIYDT
51 SKLASGVFPR FSGGGSGTSF SLTISSMEAE DAATYYCQQW SSNPLTFGAG
101 TKLEIK

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The underlined portions are the CDR's. CDR's were identified based on the Kabat definition. The encoding nucleic acid sequence is provided by SEQ ID NO: 24 (V_h) and SEQ ID NO: 25 (V_l).

Example 10: 2H2 IgG Chimera Expression

The variable regions for 2H2 mAb were cloned from mouse hybridoma as described in Example 9. The sequences for the variable regions were PCR amplified and DNA encoding the heavy chain variable regions were fused in-frame with DNA encoding the IgG1 constant region whereas DNA encoding the light chain variable region were fused in-frame with DNA encoding the kappa constant region. The cloning procedure for the resulting antibody expression vectors is described below.

The variable regions were PCR amplified. PCR reactions were carried out in a volume of 25 μ l containing high fidelity PCR master mix, template volume 1 μ l and forward and reverse primers: 1 μ l each. PCR condition was 1 cycle of 94°C, 2 minutes, 25 cycles of 94°C, 1.5 minutes; 60°C, 1.5 minutes; 72°C, 1.5 minutes and 72°C, 7 minutes; 4°C until removed and cloned in-frame with leader sequence at the 5'-end and constant region at the 3'-end using In-Fusion strategy. The following primers were used: Light chain forward, 5'- ACAGATGCCAGATGCGATATTGTGATGACCCAGTCT (SEQ ID NO: 28); Light chain reverse, 5'- TGCAGCCACCGTACGTTTATTCCAGCTGGTCCC (SEQ ID NO: 29); Heavy chain forward, 5'- ACAGGTGTCCACTCGGATGTGCACCTGGTGGAGTCA (SEQ ID NO: 30); and Heavy chain reverse, 5'- GCCCTTGGTGGATGCCGAGGAGACTGTGAGAGTGGT (SEQ ID NO: 31). The DNA sequences for all the clones were confirmed by sequencing.

The amino acid sequences deduced from DNA sequences are:

Mouse 2H2 Variable and Human Kappa Constant Region Amino Acid Sequence (SEQ ID NO: 22)

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1 DIVMTQSPAI MSASPGEKIT MTCSASSSVS YIYWYQQKSG TSPKRWIYDT
51 SKLASGVFPR FSGGGSGTSF SLTISSMEAE DAATYYCQQW SSNPLTFGAG
101 TKLEIKRTVA APSVFIFPPS DEQLKSGTAS VVCLLNNFYP REAKVQWKVD
151 NALQSGNSQE SVTEQDSKDS TYSLSSLTTL SKADYEKHKV YACEVTHQGL
201 SSPVTKSFNR GEC

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Mouse 2H2 Variable and Human IgG1 Constant Region Amino Acid Sequence (SEQ ID NO: 23)

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1  DVHLVESGPG LVAPSQNLSI TCTVSGFSLS RYGVHWVRQP PGKGLEWLGL
51  IWAGGVTIYN STLMSRLSIS KDSSKSQVFL KMNSLQIDDT AIYYCAREAS
101  RDHYFDYWGQ GTTLTVSSAS TKGPSVFPLA PSSKSTSGGT AALGCLVKDY
151  FPEPVTVSWN SGALTSGVHT FPAVLQSSGL YSLSSVVTVP SSSLGTQTYI
201  CNVNHKPSNT KVDKRVEPKS CDKTHTCPPC PAPELLGGPS VFLFPPKPKD
251  TLMISRTPEV TCVVVVDVSHE DPEVKFNWYV DGVEVHNAKT KPREEQYNST
301  YRVVSVLTVL HQDWLNGKEY KCKVSNKALP APIEKTISKA KGQPREPQVY
351  TLPPSREEMT KNQVSLTCLV KGFYPSDIAV EWESNGQOPEN NYKTTPPVLD
401  SDGSFFLYSK LTVDKSRWQQ GNVFSCSVMH EALHNHYTQK SLSLSPGK

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The variable regions are underlined.

The antibodies were expressed in 293EBNA monolayer cells. The plasmids were transfected using PEI based transfection reagents. The transfected cells were incubated in Opti-MEM serum free medium and the secreted antibodies were purified from medium using protein A/G affinity chromatography. The concentration of purified antibodies was determined by OD280 nm and the purity was measured by LabChip™ capillary electrophoresis.

The expression of both light and heavy chains was driven by human CMV promoter and bovine growth hormone polyadenylation signal. (Shiver *et al.*, *Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci.*, 772:198-208, 1995.) The leader sequence in the front mediated the secretion of antibodies into the culture medium. The leader sequence for the heavy chain was MEWSWVFLFFLSVTGVHS (SEQ ID NO: 26) and for the light chain was MSVPTQVLGLLLLWLTDARC (SEQ ID NO: 27). The expression vectors carry oriP from EBV viral genome for prolonged expression in 293EBNA cells and the bacterial sequences for kanamycin selection marker and replication origin in *E. coli*.

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Example 11: Affinity Determination

Comparative analysis was performed on 2H2 mAb as hybridoma material, scAb and a chimeric antibody. 2H2 mAb V_h and V_l region were cloned and expressed as an IgG chimera as described in Example 10. scAb was cloned into the MP16 vector (Example 9), which produces a scFv with a Human Kappa chain tag fused to it. As further described below, the antigen affinity was not significantly different among the constructs.

To measure a 1:1 interaction between the binding domain and the antigen, the experimental set up on Biacore was modified depending on whether antibody fragment or full length IgG

was analyzed. For IgG measurements, the IgG was captured to the surface as ligand and ORF0657t was run as analyte. For antibody fragment analysis, ORF0657t was bound to the surface and the antibody fragment was run as the analyte. This demonstrated that the affinity of the original 2H2 mAb hybridoma material to the ORF0657t antigen shows no significant change upon recombinant cloning (Table 12). Data were acquired via surface plasmon resonance on a Biacore 3000; each analyte was run at multiple concentrations, with two replicates per concentration. Data were analyzed with BIAevaluation (Biacore, Inc.) with simultaneous fits of entire concentration series. Fit parameters are listed in Table 12.

Table 12

	On-rate ka (1/Ms)	Off-rate kd (1/s)	Affinity, KD	chi ² global fit
2H2 murine IgG2b	6.10 E+04	2.01 E-03	33nM	0.902
2H2 scAb	4.91 E+04	1.91 E-03	39nM	0.429
2H2 IgG chimera	1.10 E+05	2.73 E-03	25nM	0.295

Example 12: ORF0657n Based Sequences

The highlighted amino acids (indicated by bold and underlying) present in SEQ ID NOs: 4-19 show amino acid alterations to ORF0657n:

0657n (SEQ ID NO: 1)

MNQQKEFKSFYSIRKSSLGVASVAISTLLLLMSNGEAQAAAETGGTNTAEQPKTEAVASPTTSEKAPETKPVAN
AVSVSNKEVEAPTSETKEAKEVKEVKAPKETKAVKPAAKATNNNTYPILNQELREAIKNPAIKDKDHSAPNSRPIDFE
MKKENGQQFYHYASSVKPARVIFTDSKPEIELGLQSGQFWRKFEVYEGDKKLPIKLVSYDTVKDYAYIRFSVSNGT
KAVKIVSSTHFNNKEEKYDYLMEFAQPIYNSADKFKTEEDYKAEKLLAPYKKAKTLERQVYELNKIQDKLPEKLKA
EYKKKLEDTKKALDEQVKSAITEFQNVQPTNEKMTDLQDTKYVVYESVENNESMMDFVKHPIKTGMLNGKKYVMVE
TTNDDYWKDFMVEGQRVRTISKDAKNNRTIIIFPYVEGKTLYDAIVKVVHVKTIDYDGQYHVRIVDKEAFTKANTDKS
NKKEQQDNSAKKEATPATPSKPTPSVKEKESQKQDSQKDDNKQLPSVEKENDASSESGKDTPATKPTKGEVESSST
TPTKVVSTTQNVAKPTTASSKTTKDVVQTSAGSSEAKDSAPLQKANIKNNDGHTQSQNNKNTQENAKSLPQTGEE
SNKDMTLPLMALLALSSIVAFVLPRKRKN

0657nC/e (SEQ ID NO: 2)

MNQQKEFKSFYSIRKSSLGVASVAISTLLLLMSNGEAQAAAETGGTNTAEQPKTEAVASPTTSEKAPETKPVAN
AVSVSNKEVEAPTSETKEAKEVKEVKAPKETKAVKPAAKATNNNTYPILNQELREAIKNPAIKDKDHSAPNSRPIDFE
MKKENGQQFYHYASSVKPARVIFTDSKPEIELGLQSGQFWRKFEVYEGDKKLPIKLVSYDTVKDYAYIRFSVSNGT
KAVKIVSSTHFNNKEEKYDYLMEFAQPIYNSADKFKTEEDYKAEKLLAPYKKAKTLERQVYELNKIQDKLPEKLKA
EYKKKLEDTKKALDEQVKSAITEFQNVQPTNEKMTDLQDTKYVVYESVENNESMMDFVKHPIKTGMLNGKKYVMVE
TTNDDYWKDFMVEGQRVRTISKDAKNNRTIIIFPYVEGKTLYDAIVKVVHVKTIDYDGQYHVRIVDKEAFTKANTDKS
NKKEQQDNSAKKEATPATPSKPTPSVKEKESQKQDSQKDDNKQLPSVEKENDASSESGKDTPATKPTKGEVESSST
TPTKVVSTTQNVAKPTTASSKTTKDVVQTSAGSSEAKDSAPLQKANIKNNDGHTQSQNNKNTQENAKSLPQTGEE
SNKDMTLPLMALLALSSIVAFVLPRKRKNLEHHHHHH

0657nH/y (SEQ ID NO: 3)

MAEETGGTNTAEAPKTEAVASPTTSEKAPETKPVANAVSVSNKEVEAPTSETKEAKEVKEVKAPKETKEVKPAAKA
 TNNTYPILNQELREAIKNPAIKDKDHSAPNSRPIDFEMKKDGTQQFYHYASSVKPARVIFTDSKPEIELGLQSGQF
 WRKFEVYEGDKKLPIKLVSYDTVKDYAYIRFSVSNGTKAVKIVSSTHFNNKEEKYDYLMEFAQPIYNSADKFKEE
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 EYKKKLEDTKKALDEQVKS
 AITEFQNVQPTNEKMTDLQDTKYV
 VVYESVENNESMMDT
 FVKHPIKTGMLNGKKY
 MVME
 TTNDDYWKDFMVEGQR
 VRTISKDAKN
 NRTIIFPYVE
 GKTLYDAIV
 KVHVK
 TIDYDGQYH
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Other embodiments are within the following claims. While several embodiments have been shown and described, various modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated antigen binding protein comprising a first variable region and a second variable region, wherein said binding protein binds to a target region selected from the group consisting of: mAb 1G3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region.

2. The binding protein of claim 1, wherein said target region is the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region and said first variable region is a V_h region comprising:

a first V_h CDR comprising amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 36-45 by one amino acid;

a second V_h CDR comprising amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 50-65 by one amino acid; and

a third V_h CDR comprising amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 98-107 by one amino acid.

3. The binding protein of claim 2, wherein said second variable region is a V_l region comprising:

a first V_l CDR comprising amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 24-33 by one amino acid;

a second V_l CDR comprising amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 49-55 by one amino acid; and

a third V_l CDR comprising amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 88-96 by one amino acid.

4. The binding protein of claim 3, wherein said binding protein is an antibody.

5. The binding protein of claim 4, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

6. The binding protein of claim 4, wherein said V_h region is either SEQ ID NO: 20, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20; and said V_l region is either SEQ ID NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

7. The binding protein of claim 6, wherein said binding protein is an antibody comprising (a) a heavy chain comprising said V_h region, and a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 regions from an IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃ or IgG₄ subtype; and (b) a light chain comprising said V_l region, and either a human kappa C_L or human lambda C_L .

8. The binding protein of claim 3, wherein
said V_h region comprises said first V_h CDR consisting of amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID
NO: 20, said second V_h CDR consisting of amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20, and said third V_h
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said first V_l region comprises said first V_l CDR consisting of amino acids 24-33 of SEQ
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CDR consisting of amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21.

9. The binding protein of claim 8, wherein said binding protein is an antibody.

10. The binding protein of claim 9, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

11. The binding protein of claim 9, wherein said V_h region is either SEQ ID NO: 20,
a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20; and said V_l region is either SEQ ID
NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

12. The binding protein of claim 8, wherein said binding protein is an antibody
comprising (a) a heavy chain comprising said V_h region, and a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3
regions from an IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃ or IgG₄ subtype; and (b) a light chain comprising said V_l region, and
either a human kappa C_L or human lambda C_L .

13. The binding protein of claim 12, wherein said heavy chain consists essentially of
the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22; and said light chain consists essentially of the amino acid
sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23.

14. A nucleic acid comprising a recombinant gene comprising a nucleotide sequence
encoding an antibody variable region that binds to a target region selected from the group consisting of:
mAb IG3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target
region.

15. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said target region is the mAb 2H2.BE11
target region and said variable region is a V_h region comprising:

a first V_h CDR comprising amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing
from amino acids 36-45 by one amino acid;

a second V_h CDR comprising amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence
differing from amino acids 50-65 by one amino acids; and

a third V_h CDR comprising amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 98-107 by one amino acid.

16. The nucleic acid of claim 15, wherein said V_h region comprises said first V_h CDR consisting of amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20; said second V_h CDR consisting of amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20; and said third V_h CDR consisting of amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20.

17. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said variable region is either SEQ ID NO: 20, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20.

18. The nucleic acid of claim 17, wherein said recombinant gene encodes an antibody heavy chain comprising said variable region, a human hinge, and CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 regions from an IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃ or IgG₄ subtype.

19. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said variable region is a V_l region comprising:

a first V_l CDR comprising amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 24-33 by one amino acid;

a second V_l CDR comprising amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 49-55 by one amino acid; and

a third V_l CDR comprising amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 88-96 by one amino acid.

20. The nucleic acid of claim 19, wherein said first V_l region comprises said first V_l CDR consisting of amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21, said second V_l CDR consisting of amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21, and said third V_l CDR consisting of amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21.

21. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said variable region is either SEQ ID NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

22. The nucleic acid of claim 17, wherein said recombinant gene encodes an antibody light chain comprising said variable region and a human kappa or lambda CL.

23. A recombinant cell comprising one or more nucleic acids of any one of claims 14-22.

24. The recombinant cell of claim 23, wherein said cell comprises both the nucleic acid of claim 18 and the nucleic acid of claim 22.

25. A method of producing protein comprising an antibody variable region comprising the steps of:

- a) growing the recombinant cell of claim 23 under conditions wherein said protein is expressed; and
- b) purifying said protein.

26. A method of producing protein comprising an antibody variable region comprising the steps of:

- a) growing the recombinant cell of claim 24 under conditions wherein said protein is expressed; and
- b) purifying said protein.

27. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the binding protein of any one of claims 1-13 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

28. A method of detecting the presence of an OFR0657n antigen in a solution or on a cell comprising the steps of: (a) providing the binding protein of any one of claims 1-13 to said solution or said cell; and (b) measuring the ability of said binding protein to bind to said antigen present in said solution or to said cell.

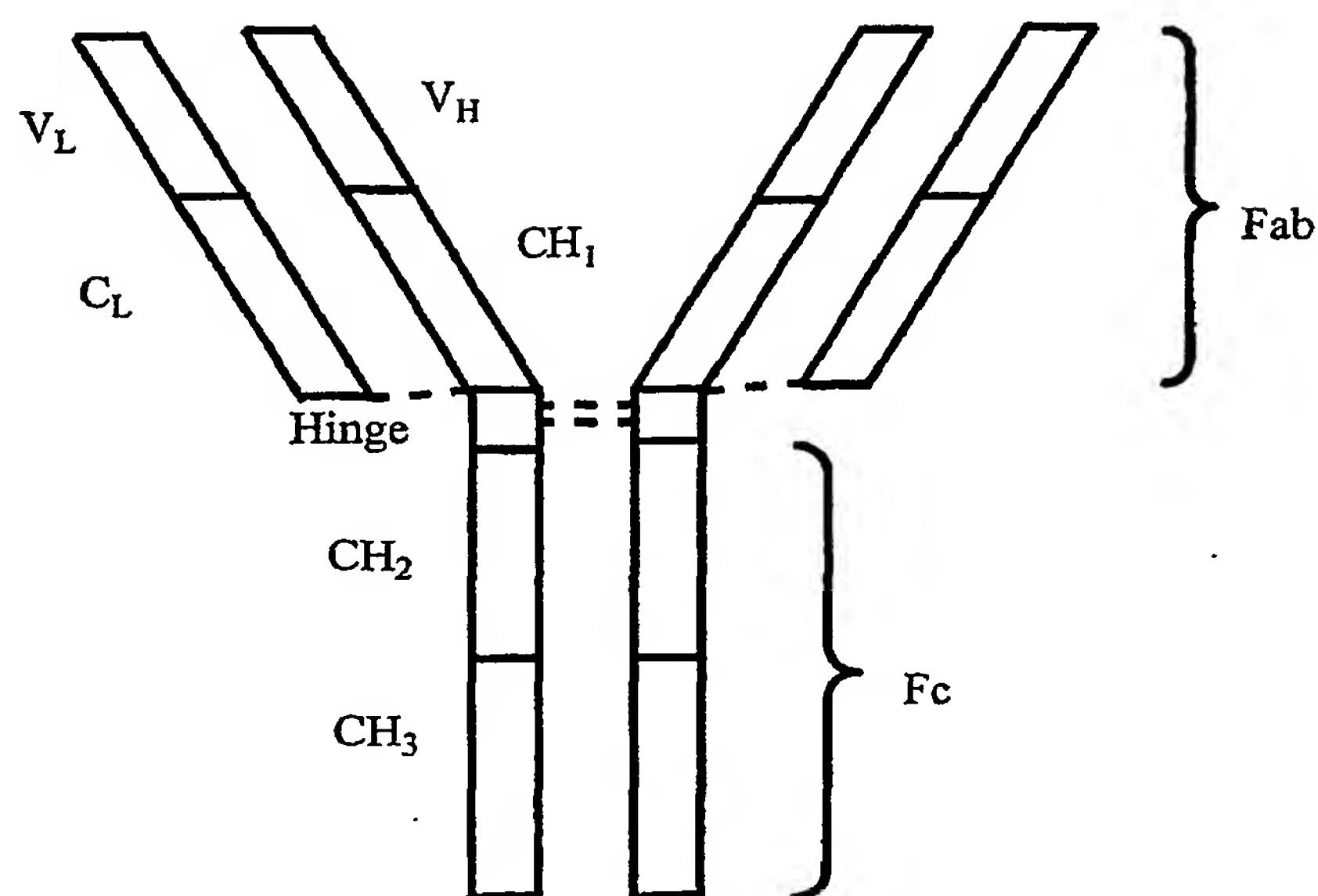
29. A method of treating against an *S. aureus* infection in a patient comprising the step of administering to said patient an effective amount of the binding protein of any one of claims 1-13.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein said antigen binding protein is administered in conjunction with surgery or a foreign body implant.

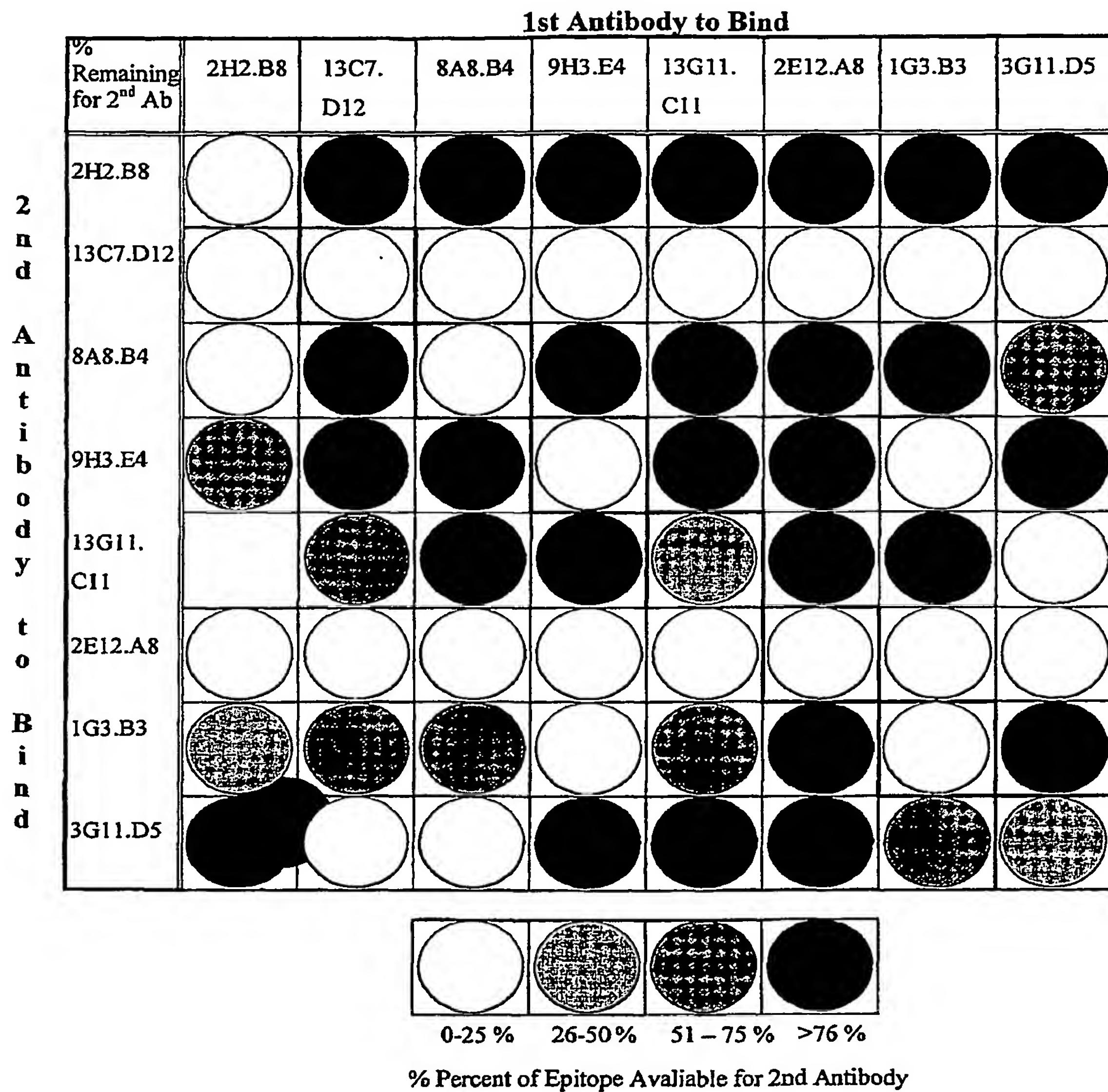
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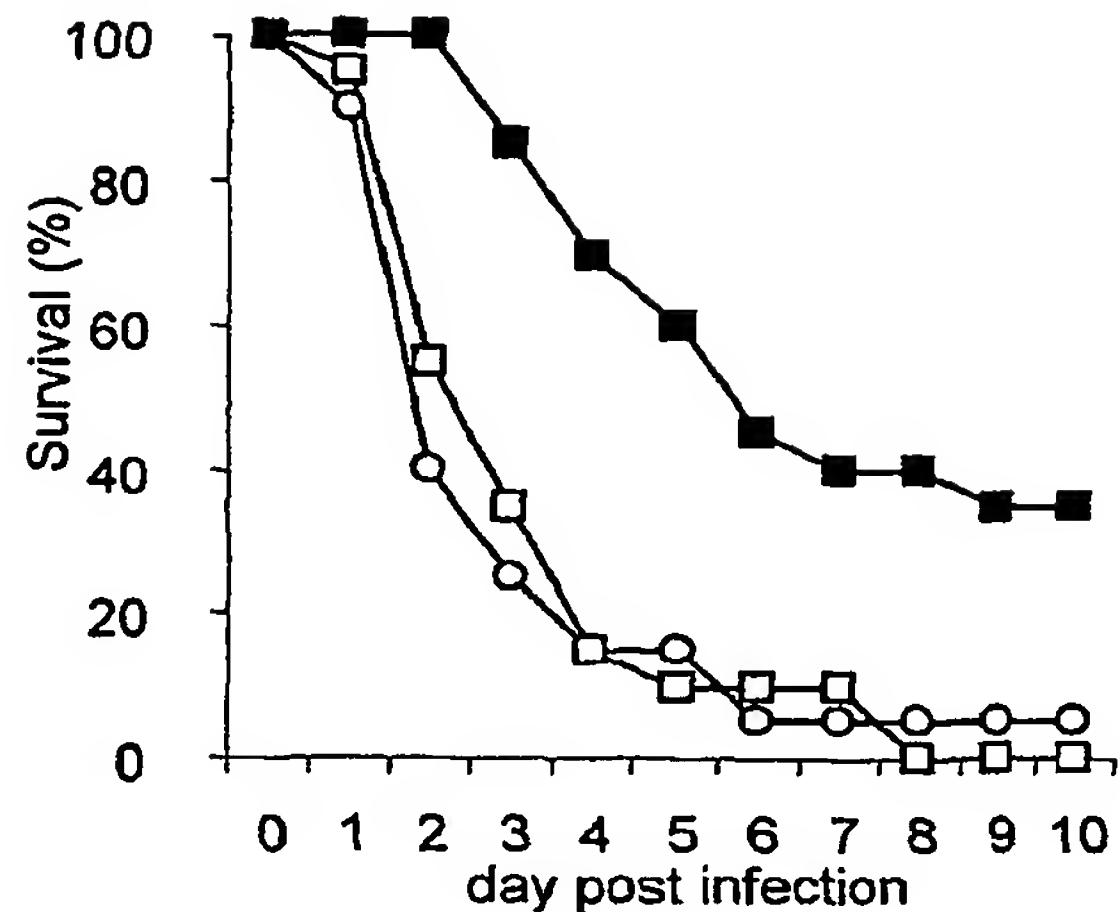
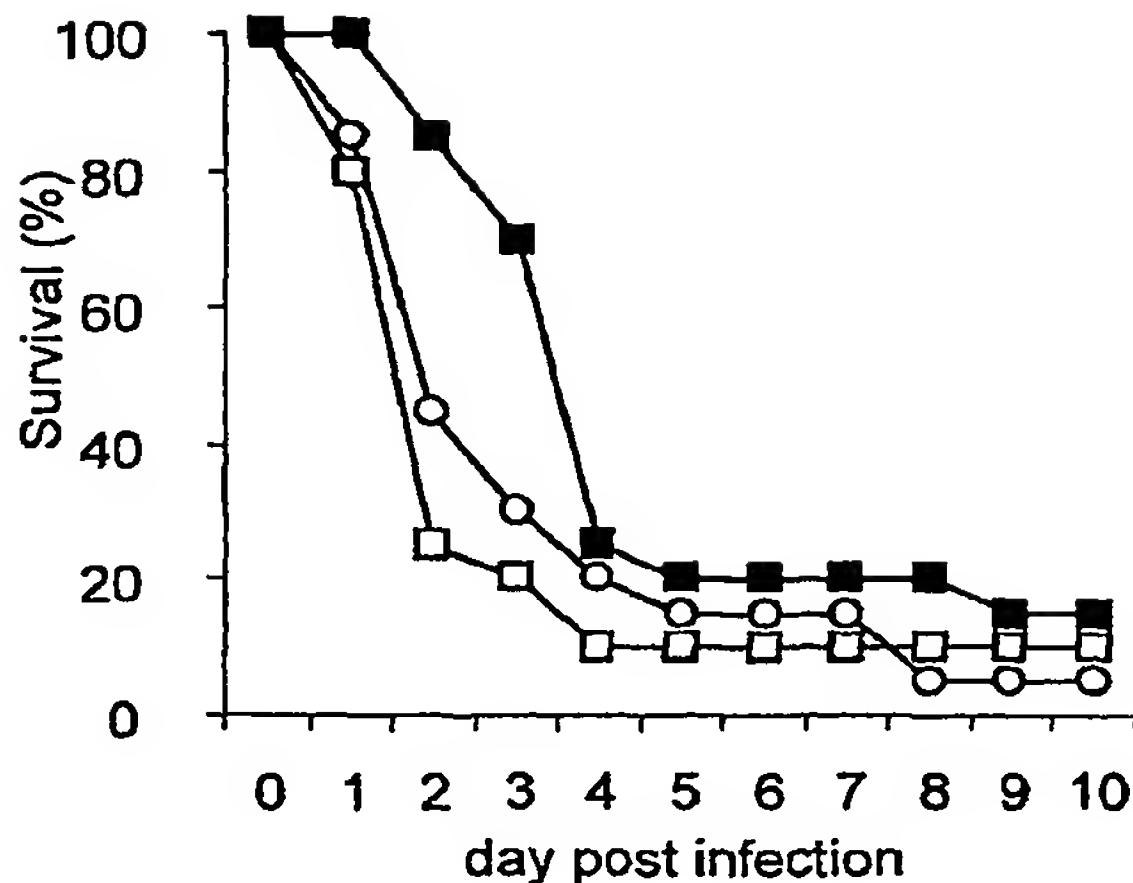
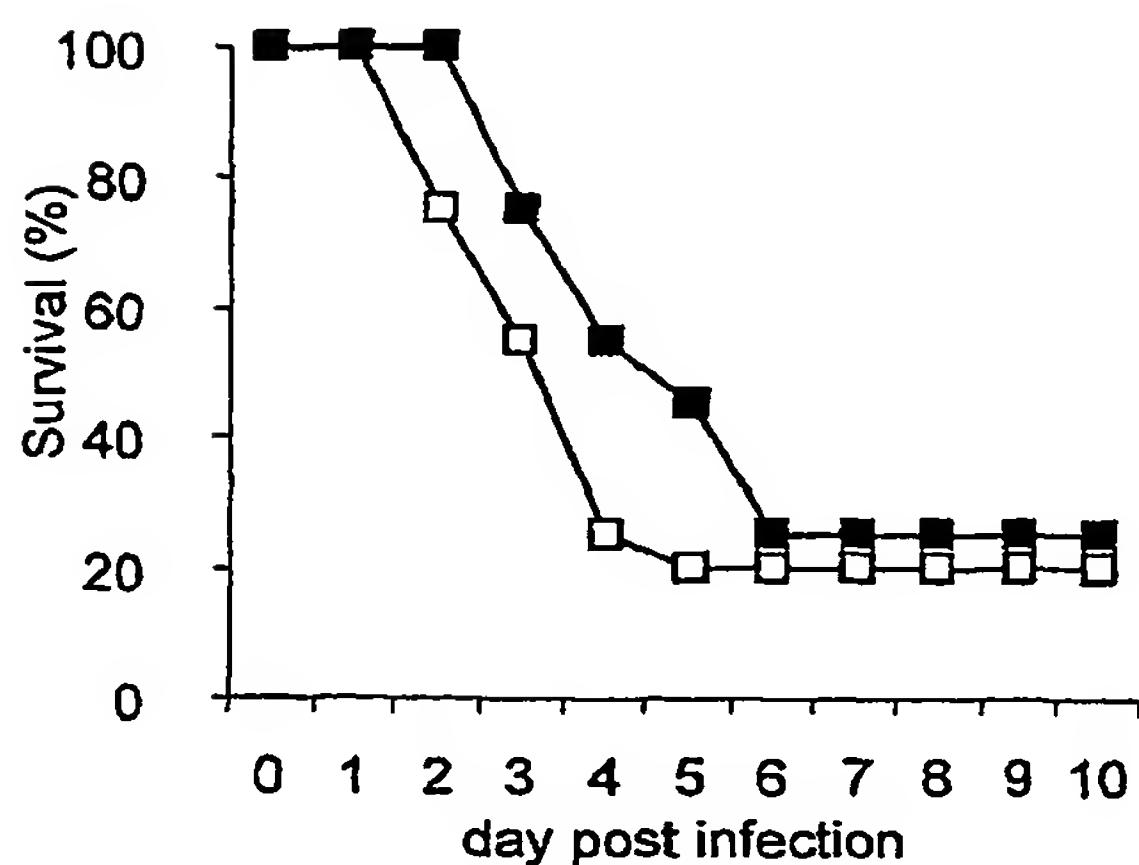
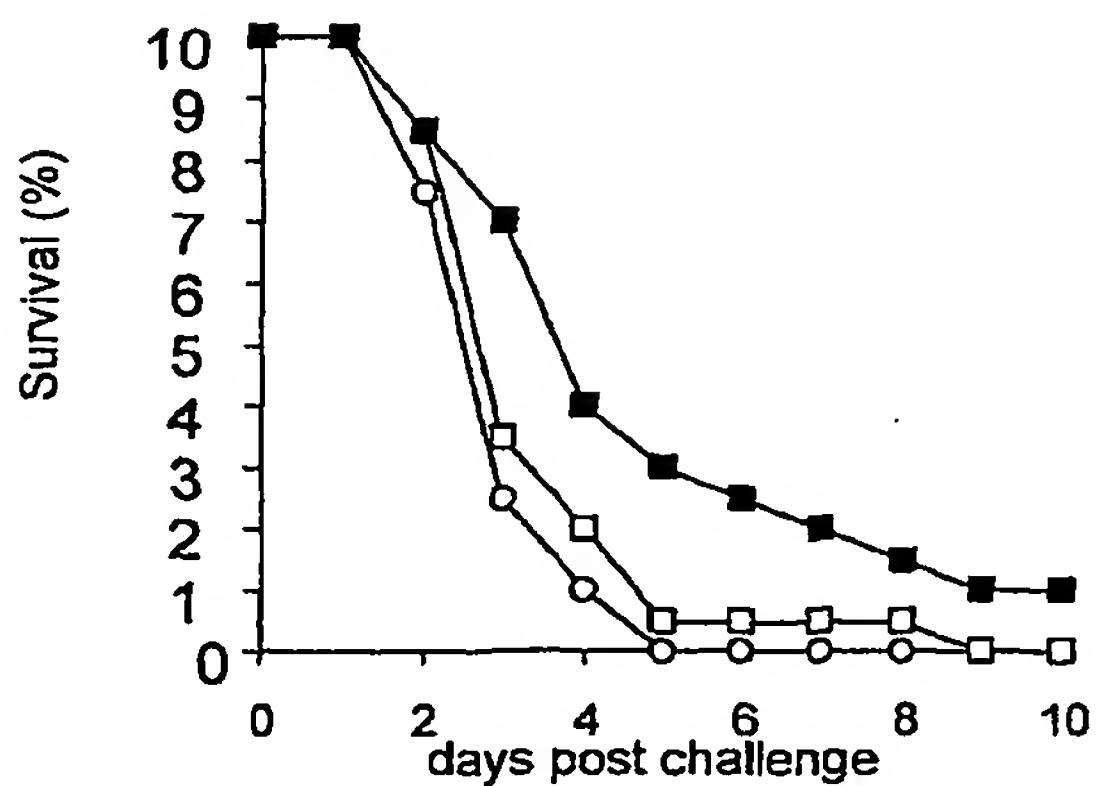
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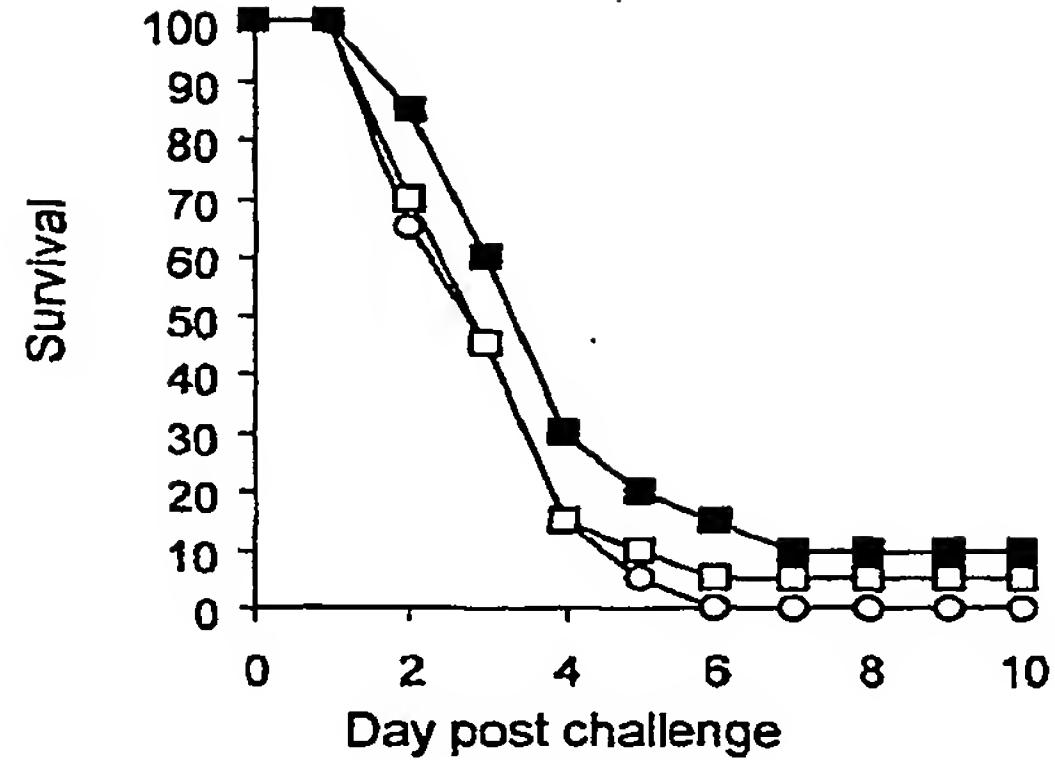
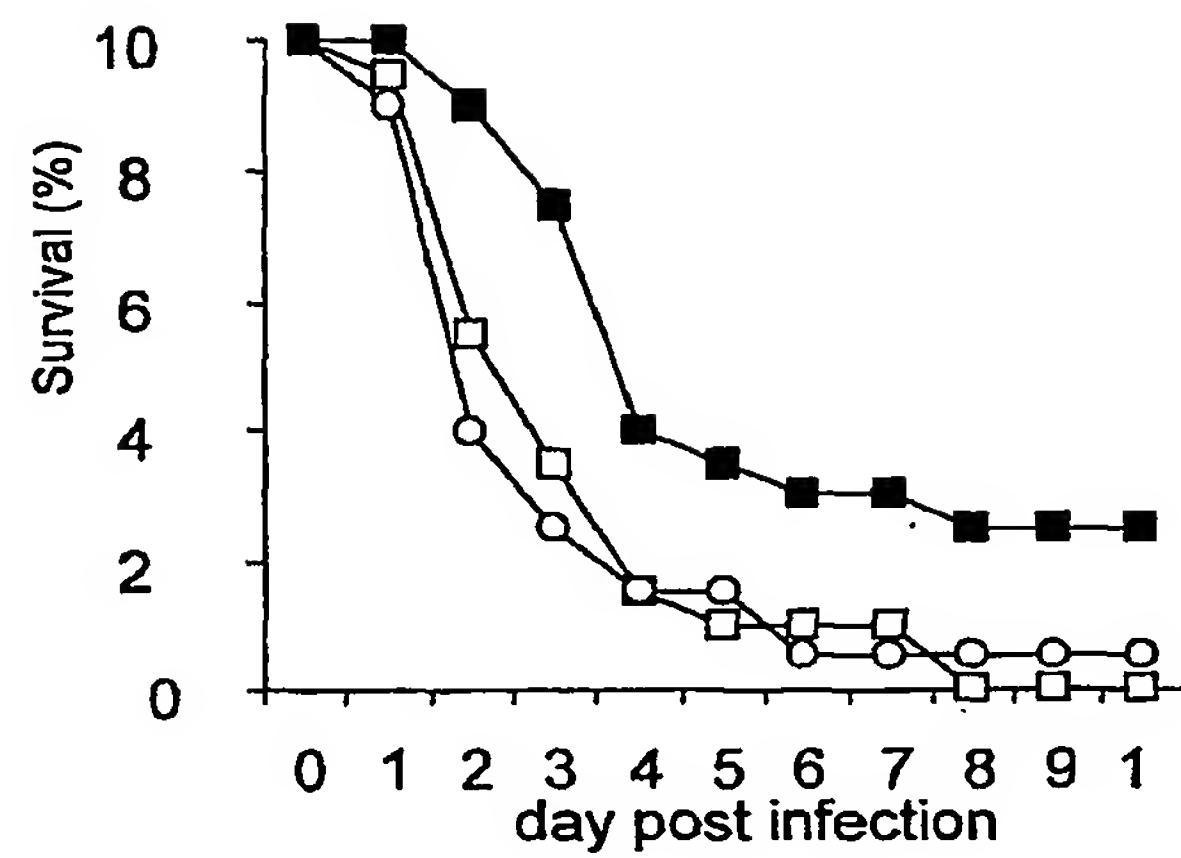
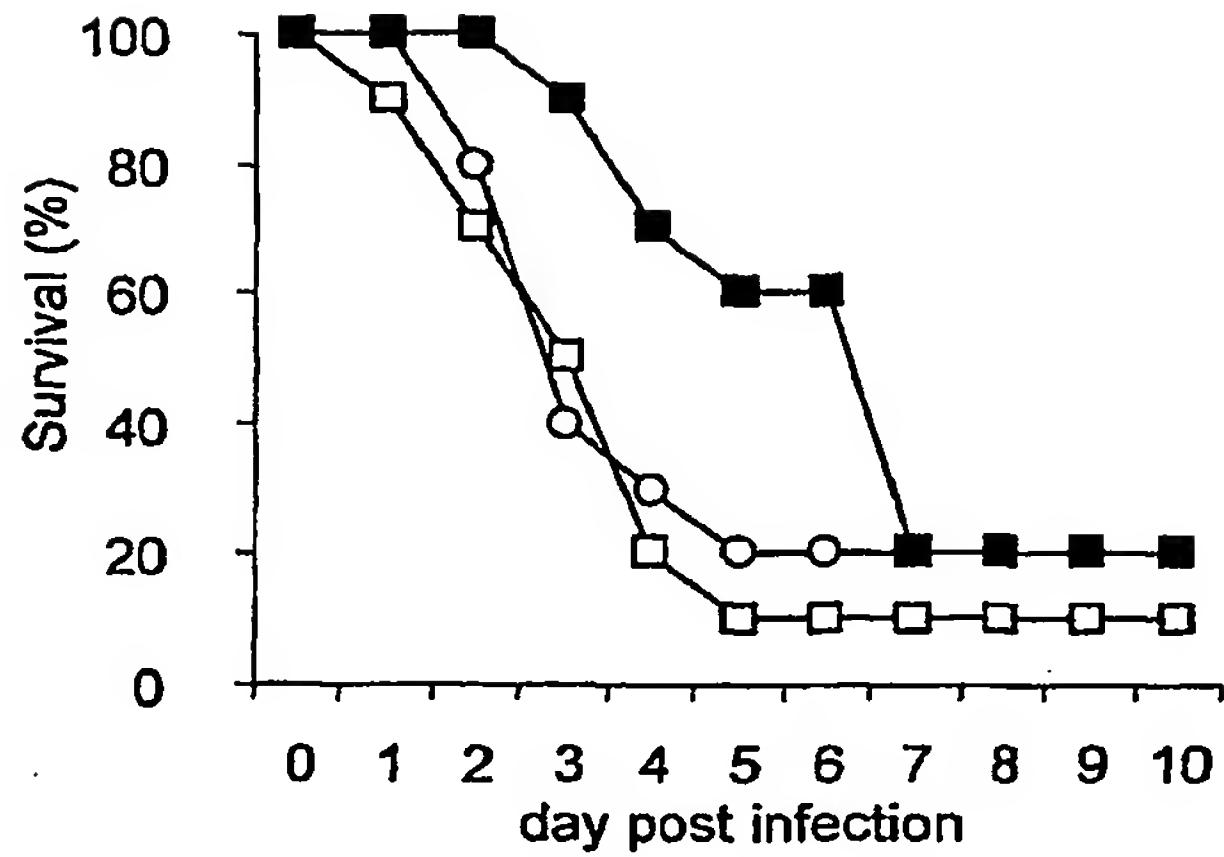
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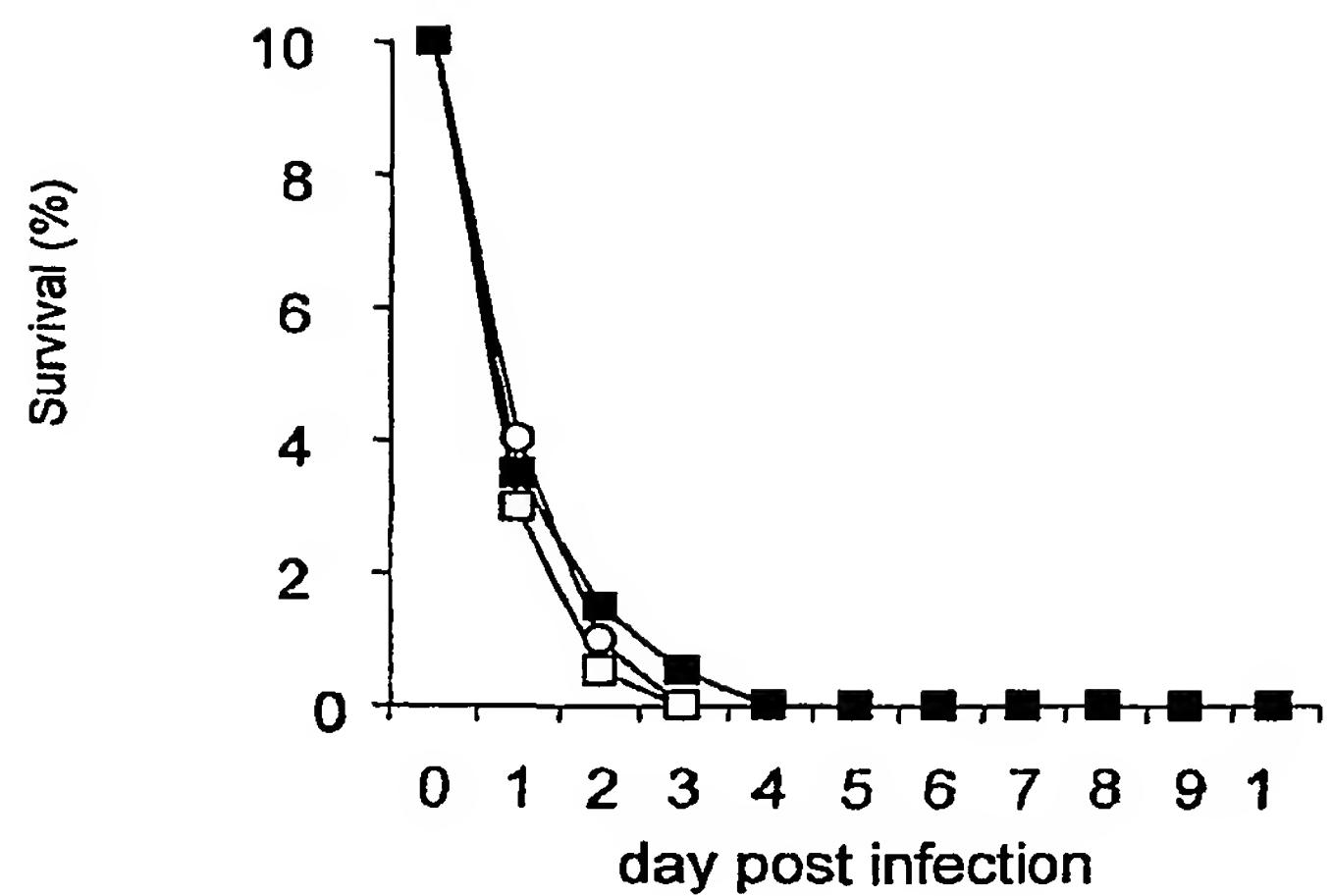
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**FIG. 3A****FIG. 3B****FIG. 3C****FIG. 4A**

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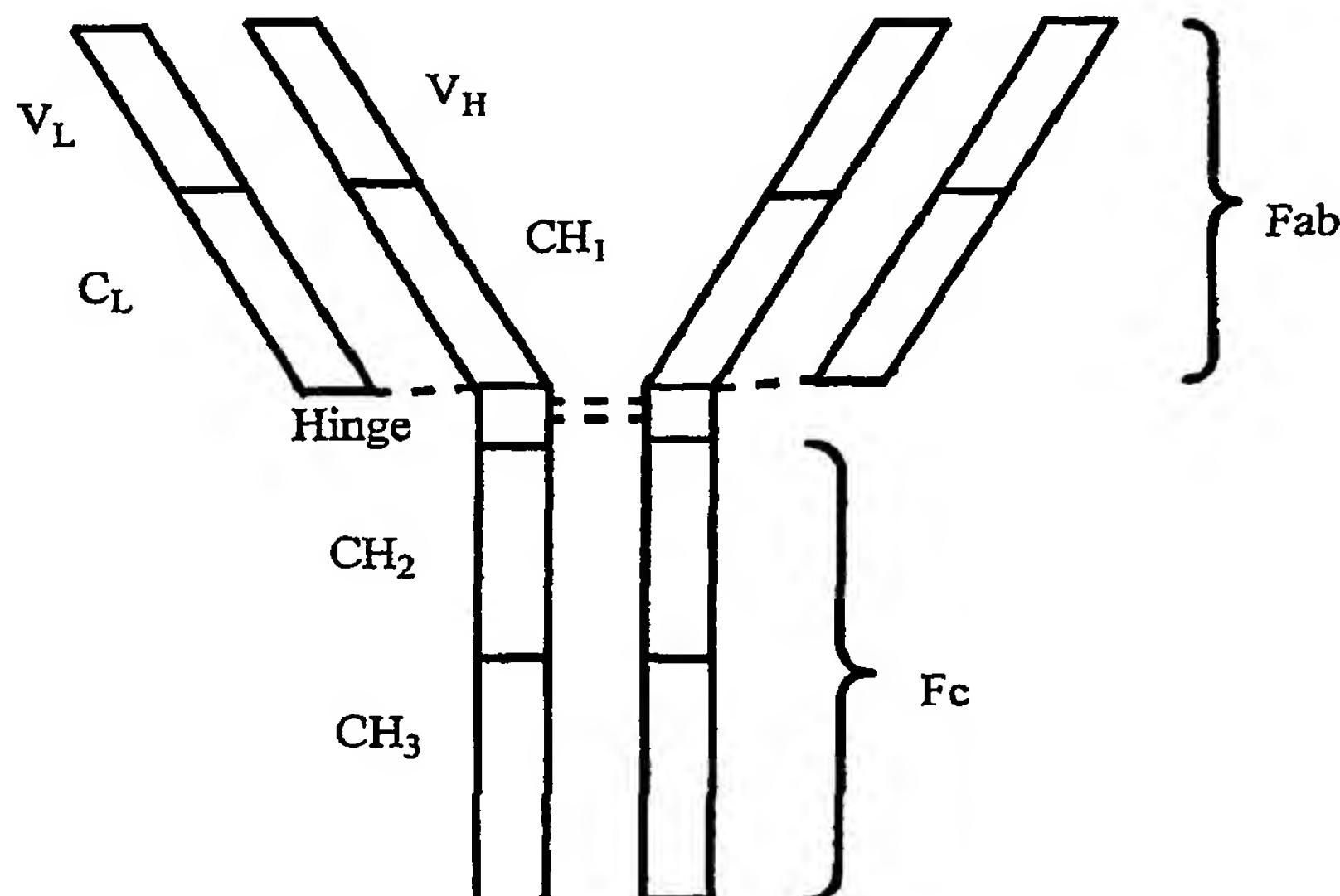
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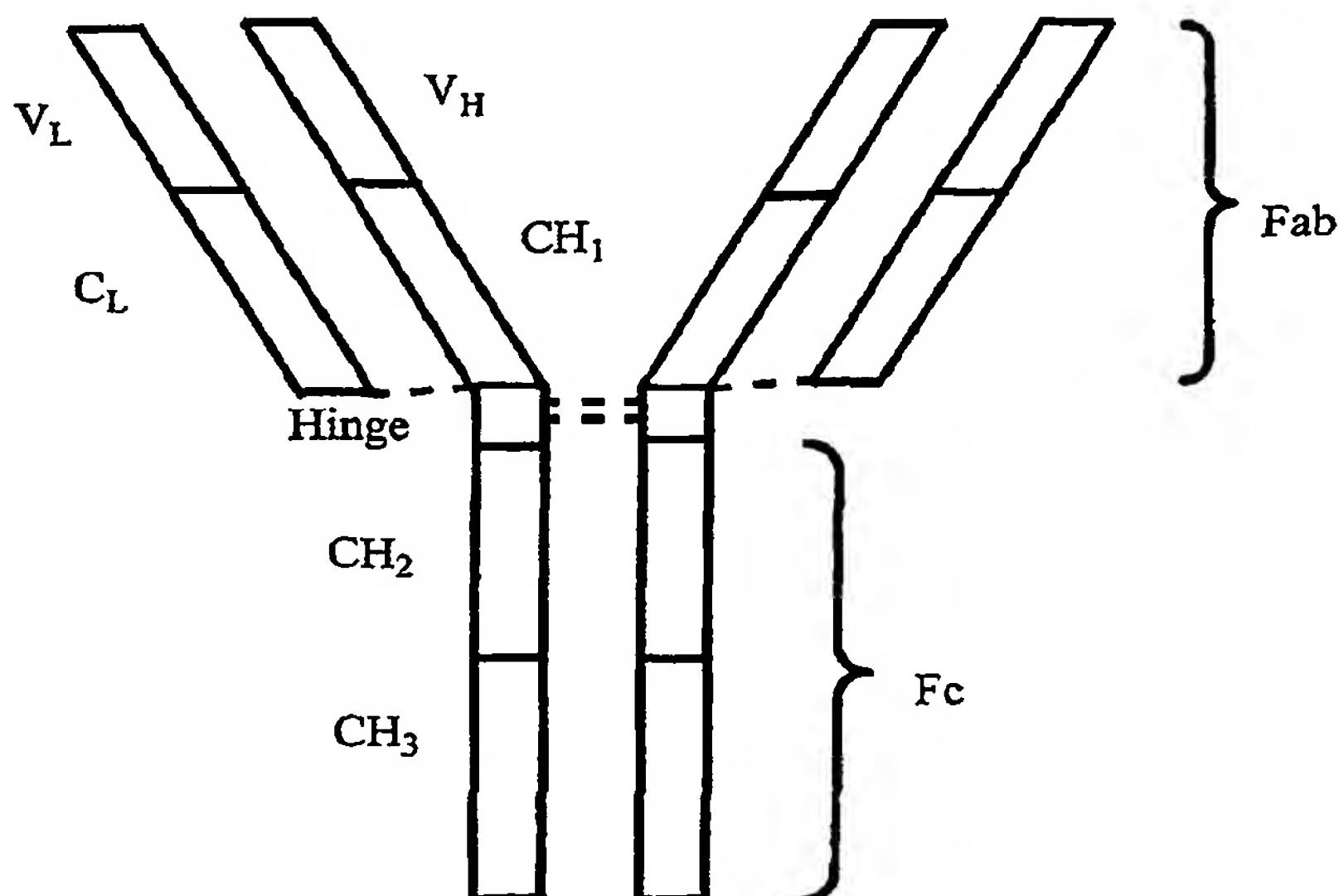
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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/763,023, filed January 27, 2006, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 The references cited throughout the present application are not admitted to be prior art to the claimed invention.

15 *Staphylococcus aureus* is a pathogen responsible for a wide range of diseases and conditions. Examples of diseases and conditions caused by *S. aureus* include bacteremia, infective endocarditis, folliculitis, furuncle, carbuncle, impetigo, bullous impetigo, cellulitis, botryomycosis, toxic shock syndrome, scalded skin syndrome, central nervous system infections, infective and inflammatory eye disease, osteomyelitis and other infections of joints and bones, and respiratory tract infections. (*The Staphylococci in Human Disease*, Crossley and Archer (eds.), Churchill Livingstone Inc. 1997.)

20 Immunological based strategies can be employed to control *S. aureus* infections and the spread of *S. aureus*. Immunological based strategies include passive and active immunization. Passive immunization employs immunoglobulins targeting *S. aureus*. Active immunization induces immune responses against *S. aureus*.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

25 The present invention features antigen binding protein that bind an ORF0657n target region (SEQ ID NO: 1). ORF0657n is an *S. aureus* protein. ORF0657n target regions are provided by the mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 binding sites. In a lethal model challenge, mAb 2H2.BE11 and mAb 13C7.BC1 provided for increased survival against *S. aureus* infection. There was also protection demonstrated in an *ex vivo* model with either the IgG1 or the IgG2b form of mAb 2H2; and in a passive immunization murine indwelling catheter model using mAb 2H2.BE11.

30 Mouse hybridoma cell lines producing mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11; mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, in accordance with Budapest Treaty on September 30, 2005. The cell lines were designated: ATCC No. PTA-7124 (producing mAb 2H2.BE11), ATCC No. PTA-7125 (producing mAb 13C7.BC1), ATCC No. PTA-7126 (producing mAb 1G3.BD4), and ATCC No. PTA-7127 (producing mAb 13G11.BF3).

35 Thus, a first aspect of the present invention features an isolated antigen binding protein comprising a first variable region and a second variable region. The first and second variable regions

bind one or more target regions selected from the group consisting of: mAb 1G3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1 target region, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region.

Reference to "isolated" indicates a different form than found in nature. The different form can be, for example, a different purity than found in nature and/or a structure that is not found in nature. A structure not found in nature includes recombinant structures where different regions are combined together, for example, humanized antibodies where one or more murine complementary determining regions is inserted onto a human framework scaffold or a murine antibody is resurfaced to resemble the surface residues of a human antibody, hybrid antibodies where one or more complementary determining regions from an antigen binding protein is inserted into a different framework scaffold, and antibodies derived from natural human sequences where genes coding for light and heavy variable domains were randomly combined together.

The isolated protein is preferably substantially free of serum proteins. A protein substantially free of serum proteins is present in an environment lacking most or all serum proteins.

A "variable region" has the structure of an antibody variable region from a heavy or light chain. Antibody heavy and light chain variable regions contain three complementary determining regions interspaced onto a framework. The complementary determining regions are primarily responsible for recognizing a particular epitope.

A target region is defined with respect to the ORF0657n region (SEQ ID NO: 1) bound by mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, or mAb 13G11.BF3. For example, the mAb 1G3.BD4 target region is the ORF0657n region to which mAb 1G3.BD4 binds.

A protein binding an identified target region competes with either mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, or mAb 13G11.BF3 for binding to the target region. For example, a protein competing with mAb 1G3.BD4 binding to ORF0657n binds to the mAb 1G3.BD4 target region.

A protein that competes with either the monoclonal antibody mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11 reduces binding of the monoclonal antibody to ORF0657n by at least about 20%, preferably at least about 50%, when excess and equal amounts of the competing protein and monoclonal antibody are employed.

Reference to "protein" indicates a contiguous amino acid sequence and does not provide a minimum or maximum size limitation. One or more amino acids present in the protein may contain a post-translational modification, such as glycosylation or disulfide bond formation.

A preferred antigen binding protein is a monoclonal antibody. Reference to a "monoclonal antibody" indicates a collection of antibodies having the same, or substantially the same, complementary determining region, and binding specificity. The variation in the antibodies is that which would occur if the antibodies were produced from the same construct(s).

Monoclonal antibodies can be produced, for example, from a particular hybridoma and from a recombinant cell containing one or more recombinant genes encoding the antibody. The antibody

may be encoded by more than one recombinant gene where, for example, one gene encodes the heavy chain and one gene encodes the light chain.

Another aspect of the present invention describes a nucleic acid containing a recombinant gene comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody variable region. The antibody variable region can bind a target region selected from the group consisting of: mAb IG3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region.

A recombinant gene contains recombinant nucleic acid encoding a protein along with regulatory elements for proper transcription and processing (which may include translational and post translational elements). The recombinant nucleic acid by virtue of its sequence and/or form does not occur in nature. Examples of recombinant nucleic acid include purified nucleic acid, two or more nucleic acid regions combined together providing a different nucleic acid than found in nature, and the absence of one or more nucleic acid regions (e.g., upstream or downstream regions) that are naturally associated with each other.

Another aspect of the present invention describes a recombinant cell comprising one or more recombinant genes encoding an antibody variable region that binds to a target region selected from the group consisting of: mAb IG3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region. Multiple recombinant genes are useful, for example, where one gene encodes an antibody heavy chain or fragment thereof containing the V_h region and another nucleic acid encodes an antibody light chain or fragment thereof containing the V_l region.

Another aspect of the present invention comprises a method of producing a protein comprising an antibody variable region. The method comprising the steps of: (a) growing a recombinant cell comprising recombinant nucleotide acid encoding for a protein under conditions wherein the protein is expressed; and (b) purifying the protein.

Another aspect of the present invention describes a pharmaceutical composition. The composition contains a therapeutically effective amount of an antigen binding protein and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

A therapeutically effective amount is an amount sufficient to provide a useful therapeutic or prophylactic effect. For a patient infected with *S. aureus*, an effective amount is sufficient to achieve one or more of the following effects: reduce the ability of *S. aureus* to propagate in the patient or reduce the amount of *S. aureus* in the patient. For a patient not infected with *S. aureus*, an effective amount is sufficient to achieve one or more of the following: a reduced susceptibility to *S. aureus* infection or a reduced ability of the infecting bacterium to establish persistent infection for chronic disease.

Another aspect of the present invention describes a method of detecting the presence of an OFR0657n antigen in a solution or on a cell. The method involves providing a binding protein described herein to the solution or cell and measuring the ability of the binding protein to bind to the antigen in the solution or cell. Measurements can be quantitative or qualitative.

Reference to ORF0657n antigen includes full-length ORF0657n or a derivative thereof having an epitope that is recognized by mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11. Examples of derivatives include truncated versions; and full-length or truncated versions of ORF0657n containing one or more of the following amino acid alterations: one or more additions, one or 5 more substitutions, and one or more deletions.

Another aspect of the present invention features a method of treating a patient against a *S. aureus* infection. The method comprises the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of an antigen binding protein described herein. The patient being treated may, or may not, be infected with *S. aureus*. Preferably, the patient is a human.

10 Another aspect of the present invention describes a cell line producing a protein that is either mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11, or that competes with either mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11 for binding to ORF0657n. Preferred cell lines are hybridomas, and recombinant cell lines containing recombinant nucleic acid encoding the protein.

15 Reference to open-ended terms such as "comprises" allows for additional elements or steps. Occasionally phrases such as "one or more" are used with or without open-ended terms to highlight the possibility of additional elements or steps.

20 Unless explicitly stated reference to terms such as "a" or "an" is not limited to one. For example, "a cell" does not exclude "cells". Occasionally phrases such as one or more are used to highlight the possible presence of a plurality.

25 Other features and advantages of the present invention are apparent from the additional descriptions provided herein including the different examples. The provided examples illustrate different components and methodology useful in practicing the present invention. The examples do not limit the claimed invention. Based on the present disclosure the skilled artisan can identify and employ other components and methodology useful for practicing the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 illustrates the structure of an IgG molecule. "V_L" refers to a light chain variable region. "V_H" refers to a heavy chain variable region. "C_L" refers to a light chain constant region. "CH₁", "CH₂" and "CH₃" are heavy chain constant regions. Dashed lines indicate disulfide bonds.

Figure 2 illustrates a matrix outlining the reactivities of different monoclonal antibodies in a pair-wise binding study. The panel of monoclonal antibodies fell into three reactive areas by the BIACORE® method.

35 Figures 3A-3C: Groups of BALB/c mice (n = 20) were treated 20 hours prior to bacterial challenge with an i.p. injection of: ■, mAb 13C7.BC1; □, mAb 6G6.A8 (isotype control); or ○, PBS. Mice were challenged with *S. aureus* by i.v. injection and survival was monitored. Fig. 3A-

0.49 mg mAb 13C7.BC1; 0.45 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 9.8×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker. Fig. 3B- 0.49 mg mAb 13C7.BC1; 0.45 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 9.6×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker. Fig. 3C- 0.50 mg mAb 13C7.BC1; 0.45 mg mAb 6G6; and 9.9×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker.

5 Figures 4A and 4B: Groups of BALB/c mice (n = 20) were treated 20 hours prior to bacterial challenge with an i.p. injection of: ■, mAb 13C7.BC1 (0.5 mg); □, mAb 6G6.A8 (isotype control) (0.5 mg); or ○, PBS (0.5 ml). Mice were challenged with *S. aureus* by i.v. injection and survival was monitored. Fig. 4A illustrates results with 2.09×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* UK58. Fig. 4B illustrates results with 2.15×10^8 *S. aureus* UK 58.

10 Figures 5A-5C: Groups of BALB/c mice (n = 20) were treated 20 hours prior to bacterial challenge with an i.p. injection of: ■, mAb 2H2.BE11, □, mAb 6G6.A8 (isotype control); ○, PBS. Mice were challenged with *S. aureus* by i.v. injection and survival was monitored. Fig. 5A- 0.43 mg mAb 2H2.BE11; 0.5 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 9.8×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker. Fig. 5B- 0.43 mg mAb 2H2.BE11; 0.5 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 8.3×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker. Fig. 5C- 0.43 mg mAb 2H2.BE11; 0.5 mg mAb 6G6.A8; and 9.3×10^8 CFU *S. aureus* Becker.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

ORF0657n is an *S. aureus* protein located at the *S. aureus* outer membrane. ORF0657n has been found to be well conserved in different strains of *S. aureus*. (Anderson *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 2005/009379, International Publication Date February 3, 2005.) Different 20 ORF0657n derivatives can be used to produce a protective immune response against *S. aureus* infection. (Anderson *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 2005/009379, International Publication Date February 3, 2005.)

25 Due to their ability to recognize ORF0657n, the antigen binding proteins described herein can be used, for example, as a tool in the production, characterization, or study of ORF0657n based antigens. Antigen binding protein recognizing appropriate ORF0657n epitopes can also be used agent to treat *S. aureus* infection.

I. Antigen Binding Protein

30 Antigen binding proteins contain an antibody variable region providing for specific binding to an epitope. The antibody variable region can be present in, for example, a complete antibody, an antibody fragment, and a recombinant derivative of an antibody or antibody fragment.

35 Different classes of antibodies have different structures. Different antibody regions can be illustrated by reference to IgG (Figure 1). An IgG molecule contains four amino acid chains: two longer length heavy chains and two shorter light chains. The heavy and light chains each contain a constant region and a variable region. Within the variable regions are three hypervariable regions responsible for antigen specificity. (See, for example, Breitling *et al.*, Recombinant Antibodies, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. and Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, 1999; and Lewin, Genes IV, Oxford University Press and Cell Press, 1990.)

5 The hypervariable regions (also referred to as complementarity determining regions), are interposed between more conserved flanking regions (also referred to as framework regions). Amino acids associated with framework regions and complementarity determining regions can be numbered and aligned as described by Kabat *et al.*, Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1991.

10 The two heavy chain carboxyl regions are constant regions joined by disulfide binding to produce an Fc region. The Fc region is important for providing antibody biological activity such as complement and macrophage activation. Each of the two heavy chains making up the Fc region extend into different Fab regions through a hinge region.

15 In higher vertebrates there are two classes of light chains and five classes of heavy chains. The light chains are either κ or λ . The heavy chains define the antibody class and are either α , δ , ϵ , γ , or μ . For example, IgG has a γ heavy chain. Subclasses also exist for different types of heavy chains such as human γ_1 , γ_2 , γ_3 , and γ_4 . Heavy chains impart a distinctive conformation to hinge and tail regions. (Lewin, Genes IV, Oxford University Press and Cell Press, 1990.)

20 Antibody fragments containing an antibody variable region include Fv, Fab, and Fab₂ regions. Each Fab region contains a light chain made up of a variable region and a constant region, and a heavy chain region containing a variable region and a constant region. A light chain is joined to a heavy chain by disulfide bonding through constant regions. The light and heavy chain variable regions of a Fab region provide for an Fv region that participates in antigen binding.

25 The antibody variable region can be present in a recombinant derivative. Examples of recombinant derivatives include single-chain antibodies, diabody, triabody, tetrabody, and miniantibody. (Kipriyanov *et al.*, *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004.)

30 The antigen binding protein can contain one or more variable regions recognizing the same or different epitopes. (Kipriyanov *et al.*, *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004.)

25 II. Generation of Antigen Binding Protein Directed to an Identified Target Region

30 Different antigen binding proteins directed to the mAb 1G3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1 target region, or mAb 13G11.BF3 target region can be generated starting with the respective monoclonal antibody. Alternatively, the epitope recognized by a binding protein can be used to select additional binding proteins.

35 The mAb 2H2.BE11 target region appears to be located at approximately amino acids 76-357 of ORF0657n. A polypeptide containing amino acids 76-357 of ORF0657n, or a full-length ORF0657n, can be used as a target antigen to select for antibodies. The target region of the generated antibodies can be determined.

40 A variety of techniques are available to select for a protein recognizing an antigen. Examples of such techniques include use of phage display technology and hybridoma production. Human antibodies can be produced using chimeric mice such as a XenoMouse or Trans-Chromo mouse.

(*E.g., Azzazy et al., Clinical Biochemistry 35:425-445, 2002, Berger et al., Am. J. Med. Sci. 324(1):14-40, 2002.*)

The monoclonal antibodies mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 contain variable regions recognizing ORF0675n. Additional binding proteins recognizing ORF0657n can be produced based on antibody variable regions. Additional binding proteins can, for example, be produced by modifying an existing monoclonal antibody and by using variable region sequence information. Protein construction and sequence manipulation can be performed using recombinant nucleic acid techniques.

The monoclonal antibodies mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 are murine antibodies. For human therapeutic applications, preferred binding proteins based on such mAb's are designed to reduce the potential generation of human anti-mouse antibodies recognizing the murine regions.

The potential generation of human anti-mouse antibodies can be reduced using techniques such as murine antibody humanization, de-immunization, and chimeric antibody production. (See, for example, O'Brien et al., *Humanization of Monoclonal Antibodies by CDR Grafting*, p 81-100, From *Methods in Molecular Biology* Vol. 207: *Recombinant antibodies for Cancer Therapy: Methods and Protocols* (Eds. Welschof and Krauss) Humana Press, Totowa, New Jersey, 2003; Kipriyanov et al., *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004; Gonzales et al., *Tumor Biol.* 26:31-43, 2005, Presta, *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews* 58:640-656, 2006, Tsurushita et al., *Methods* 36:69-83, 2005, Roque et al., *Biotechnol. Prog.* 20:639-654, 2004.)

Murine antibodies can be humanized using techniques such as grafting complementary determining regions into a framework region or resurfacing. Resurfacing (also known as veneering) involves modifying a variable region so the surface exposed regions are humanized.

Grafting complementary determining regions involves taking such regions or a portion of such regions from, for example, a murine source and inserting the regions into a human variable region framework. The human framework used for grafting can be selected based on sequence homology to the variable region (*e.g.*, murine) from which the region was obtained. Essential framework residues associated with grafted complementary determining regions should also be provided in the new framework.

De-immunization involves altering potential linear T-cell epitopes present in the antibody. The epitopes can be identified based on a bioinformatics scan of known human HLA class I and/or class II epitopes. (Presta, *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews* 58:640-656, 2006.)

A chimeric antibody contains a human constant region along with a variable region from a different organism, such as a mouse. The human constant region provides an Fc region.

Additional examples of alterations include providing a variable region in, for example, a single chain antibody, a diabody, a triabody, a tetrabody, and a miniantibody. (Kipriyanov et al., *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004.) The antigen binding protein can contain one or more variable

regions recognizing the same or different epitopes. (*Id.*) Additional embodiments of the present invention are directed to a single chain antibody, a diabody, a triabody, a tetrabody, or a miniantibody directed to the mAb 1G3.BD4, mAb 2H2.BE11, mAb 13C7.BC1, or mAb 13G11.BF3 binding site.

5 **III. Binding Protein Directed to the mAb 2H2.BE11 Target Region**

As described in the Examples provided below, the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region was further characterized and the amino acids sequence of the variable regions was determined. The identified target region and the sequence information facilitate obtaining different binding proteins directed to the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region.

10 In an embodiment of the present invention, the binding protein binds to a polypeptide consisting of amino acids 76-357 of SEQ ID NO: 1. Preferably, the binding protein is either a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a de-immunized antibody, or chimeric antibody. Preferred antibodies are isolated antibodies and monoclonal antibodies.

15 The amino acids sequences of the mAb 2H2.BE11 variable regions are provided by SEQ ID NO: 20 (V_h) and SEQ ID NO: 21 (V_l). The complementary determining regions (CDR's) within V_h were identified at amino acids 36-45, 50-65, and 98-107. The CDR's within V_l were identified at amino acids 24-33, 49-55, and 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21.

20 In different embodiments directed to a V_h region, the binding protein binds the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region and comprises, consists, or consists essentially of: a first V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 36-45 by one amino acid; a second V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 50-65 by one amino acid; and a third V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 98-107 by one amino acid.

25 In different embodiments directed to a V_l region, the binding protein binds the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region and comprises, consists, or consists essentially of a first V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 24-33 by one amino acid; a second V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 49-55 by one amino acid; and a third V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 88-96 by one amino acid.

30 Reference to "consisting essentially of" with respect to a variable region, CDR region, or antibody sequence, indicates the possible presence of one or more additional amino acids, where such amino acids do not significantly decrease binding to the target.

35 An amino acid difference can be an amino acid deletion, insertion, or substitution. In substituting amino acids to maintain activity, the substituted amino acids should have one or more similar properties such as approximately the same charge, size, polarity and/or hydrophobicity.

Preferably, an amino acid substitution is a conservative substitution. A conservative substitution replaces an amino acid with another amino acid having similar properties. Table 1 provides a list of groups of amino acids, where one member of the group is a conservative substitution for another member.

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Table 1 : Conservative Substitutions

Ala, Val, Ile, Leu, Met
Ser, Thr,
Tyr, Trp
Asn, Gln
Asp, Glu
Lys, Arg, His

In additional embodiments the V_h region is either SEQ ID NO: 20, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20; and/or the V_l region is either SEQ ID NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

10 In different embodiments focusing on an antibody, the antibody comprises, consists, or consists essentially of: (a) a heavy chain comprising a V_h region as described in this Section III, and a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 regions from an IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃ or IgG₄, and (b) a light chain comprising a V_l region as described above in this section III, and a human kappa C_L or human lambda C_L . In further embodiments: the antibody comprises, consists, or consists essentially of: (a) a heavy chain comprising a V_h region as described in this Section III, and a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 regions from an IgG₁ or IgG₂ and (b) a light chain comprising a V_l region as described above in this Section III, and a human kappa C_L ; and the heavy chain consists essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22 and/or the light chain consists essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23.

20 In additional embodiments the antigen-binding protein described herein has V_h and V_l regions providing an affinity K_D at least about 100 nM, preferably at least about 30 nM to the target antigen. Binding to the target antigen can be determined as described in Example 11, using an ORF0657n fragment from amino acids 42-486

25 Preferred binding proteins for the different embodiments are an antibody. More preferably the antibody is isolated or a monoclonal antibody.

IV. Protein Production

Antigen binding protein are preferably produced using recombinant nucleic acid techniques or through the use of a hybridoma. Recombinant nucleic acid techniques involve constructing

a nucleic acid template for protein synthesis. Hybridoma techniques involve using an immortalized cell line to produce the antigen binding protein. Suitable recombinant nucleic acid and hybridoma techniques are well known in the art. (See for example, Ausubel, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley, 2005, Harlow *et al.*, *Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1988.)

5 Recombinant nucleic acid encoding an antigen binding protein can be expressed in a host cell that in effect serves as a factory for the encoded protein. The recombinant nucleic acid can provide a recombinant gene encoding the antigen binding protein that exists autonomously from a host cell genome or as part of the host cell genome.

10 A recombinant gene contains nucleic acid encoding a protein along with regulatory elements for protein expression. Generally, the regulatory elements that are present in a recombinant gene include a transcriptional promoter, a ribosome binding site, a terminator, and an optionally present operator. A preferred element for processing in eukaryotic cells is a polyadenylation signal. Antibody associated introns may also be present. Examples of expression cassettes for antibody or antibody fragment production are well known in art. (E.g., Persic *et al.*, *Gene* 187:9-18, 1997, Boel *et al.*, *J. 15 Immunol. Methods* 239:153-166, 2000, Liang *et al.*, *J. Immunol. Methods* 247:119-130, 2001, Tsurushita *et al.*, *Methods* 36:69-83, 2005.)

Due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, a large number of different encoding nucleic acid sequences can be used to code for a particular protein. The degeneracy of the genetic code arises because almost all amino acids are encoded by different combinations of nucleotide triplets or "codons".

20 Amino acids are encoded by codons as follows:

A=Ala=Alanine: codons GCA, GCC, GCG, GCU

C=Cys=Cysteine: codons UGC, UGU

D=Asp=Aspartic acid: codons GAC, GAU

E=Glu=Glutamic acid: codons GAA, GAG

25 F=Phe=Phenylalanine: codons UUC, UUU

G=Gly=Glycine: codons GGA, GGC, GGG, GGU

H=His=Histidine: codons CAC, CAU

I=Ile=Isoleucine: codons AUA, AUC, AUU

K=Lys=Lysine: codons AAA, AAG

30 L=Leu=Leucine: codons UUA, UUG, CUA, CUC, CUG, CUU

M=Met=Methionine: codon AUG

N=Asn=Asparagine: codons AAC, AAU

P=Pro=Proline: codons CCA, CCC, CCG, CCU

Q=Gln=Glutamine: codons CAA, CAG

35 R=Arg=Arginine: codons AGA, AGG, CGA, CGC, CGG, CGU

S=Ser=Serine: codons AGC, AGU, UCA, UCC, UCG, UCU

T=Thr=Threonine: codons ACA, ACC, ACG, ACU

V=Val=Valine: codons GUA, GUC, GUG, GUU

W=Trp=Tryptophan: codon UGG

Y=Tyr=Tyrosine: codons UAC, UAU

Expression of a recombinant gene in a cell is facilitated using an expression vector.

5 Preferably, the expression vector, in addition to a recombinant gene, also contains an origin of replication for autonomous replication in a host cell, a selectable marker, a limited number of useful restriction enzyme sites, and a potential for high copy number. Examples of expression vectors for antibody and antibody fragment production are well known in art. (E.g., Persic *et al.*, *Gene* 187:9-18, 1997, Boel *et al.*, *J. Immunol. Methods* 239:153-166, 2000, Liang *et al.*, *J. Immunol. Methods* 247:119-130, 2001, Tsurushita *et al.*, *Methods* 36:69-83, 2005.)

If desired, nucleic acid encoding an antibody may be integrated into the host chromosome using techniques well known in the art. (E.g., Ausubel, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley, 2005, Marks *et al.*, International Application Number WO 95/17516, International Publication Date June 29, 1995.)

15 A variety of different cell lines can be used for recombinant antigen binding protein expression, including those from prokaryotic organisms (e.g., *E. coli*, *Bacillus* sp, and *Streptomyces* sp. (or streptomycete) and from eukaryotic (e.g., yeast, Baculovirus, and mammalian). (Breitling *et al.*, *Recombinant Antibodies*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. and Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, 1999, Kipriyanov *et al.*, *Molecular Biotechnology* 26:39-60, 2004, Tsurushita *et al.*, *Methods* 36:69-83, 2005.)

20 Preferred hosts for recombinant antigen binding protein expression provide for mammalian post translational modifications. Post translational modifications chemical modification such as glycosylation and disulfide bond formation. Another type of post translational modification is signal peptide cleavage.

25 Proper glycosylation can be important for antibody function. (Yoo *et al.*, *Journal of Immunological Methods* 261:1-20, 2002, Li *et al.*, *Nature Biotechnology* 24(2):210-215, 2006.) Naturally occurring antibodies contain at least one N-linked carbohydrate attached to a heavy chain. (Yoo *et al.*, *Journal of Immunological Methods* 261:1-20, 2002.) Additional N-linked carbohydrates and O-linked carbohydrates may be present and may be important for antibody function. (*Id.*)

30 Different types of host cells can be used to provide for efficient post-translational modifications including mammalian host cells and non-mammalian cells. Examples of mammalian host cells include but are not limited to Chinese hamster ovary (Cho), HeLa, C6, PC12, Human Embryonic Kidney (HEK293) and myeloma cells. (Yoo *et al.*, *Journal of Immunological Methods* 261:1-20, 2002, Persic *et al.*, *Gene* 187:9-18, 1997.) Non-mammalian cells can be modified to replicate human glycosylation. (Li *et al.*, *Nature Biotechnology* 24(2):210-215, 2006.) Glycoenginnered *Pichia pastoris* is an example of such a modified non-mammalian cell. (Li *et al.*, *Nature Biotechnology* 24(2):210-215, 2006.)

Preferred recombinant genes comprise a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody variable region that binds to a target region selected from the group consisting of: mAb IG3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region. A particular recombinant gene can encode for a protein containing one variable region or both a V_h and V_l region.

5 The recombinant gene can also encode for antibody constant regions and hinge region. If desired, an antibody can be produced using a combination of recombinant genes, where one gene encodes for a light chain and the second gene encodes for a heavy chain.

Different embodiments are provided by the nucleic acid encoding a protein described in Section II or III *supra*. Examples of such embodiments are provided below.

10 In an embodiment directed to a V_h encoding region, the nucleotide sequence encodes a variable region comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of: a first V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 36-45 by one amino acid; a second V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 50-65 by 15 one amino acid; and a third V_h CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 98-107 by one amino acid.

20 In an embodiment directed to a V_l encoding region, the nucleotide sequence encodes a variable region comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of a first V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 24-33 by one amino acid; a second V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 49-55 by one amino acid; and a third V_l CDR comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 88-96 by one amino acid.

25 In additional embodiments: the V_h region is either SEQ ID NO: 20, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20; and the V_l region is either SEQ ID NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

30 In different embodiments focusing on an antibody heavy and/or light chain, the recombinant gene encodes either or both a protein comprising, consisting, or consisting essentially of: (a) a heavy chain comprising a V_h region as provided in Section III *supra*, a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 from an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3 or IgG4 subtype or (b) a light chain comprising a V_l region as provided in Section III *supra*, and a human kappa C_L or lambda C_L . In a further embodiment the heavy chain consists essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22; and the light chain consists essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23.

35 V. Applications of Antigen Binding Proteins.

Antigens containing certain ORF0657n regions can be used to provide a protective immune response against *S. aureus* infection. (Anderson *et al.*, International Publication No. WO

2005/009379, International Publication Date February 3, 2005.) An antigen binding protein recognizing an ORF0657n target region can be used to facilitate the production, characterization, or study of ORF0657n antigens and vaccines. Antigen binding protein recognizing appropriate epitopes can also have therapeutic applications.

5 Examples of different uses in the production, characterization, or study of ORF0657n related antigens and vaccines include:

- 1) Identifying the presence of an ORF0657n antigen, for example, by Western blot;
- 2) Identifying the presence of an ORF0657n antigen on a cell surface, for example, by flow cytometry. This is useful, for example, in determining expression on multiple strains of *S. aureus* as well as confirmation of knock-out mutants;
- 10 3) Passive protection experiments. The antibodies can be used in a lethal model to determine if a specific area of the ORF0657n protein confers protection;
- 4) An immunoassay. The assay can be used to monitor antigen quality, product production and stability;
- 15 5) As a control in mouse potency assays to monitor immunogenicity of an antigen vaccine product; and
- 6) Serology assays can utilize a monoclonal antibody in a competitive format to identify an immune response to ORF0657n derived antigen vaccinated patients.

Techniques for using antigen binding proteins, such as monoclonal antibodies, in the 20 production, characterization, or study of a target protein are well known in the art. (See, for example, Ausubel, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley, 2005, Harlow *et al.*, *Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1988, Harlow *et al.*, *Using Antibodies*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1999, Lipman *et al.*, *ILAR Journal* 46:258-268, 2005.)

25 In an embodiment of the present invention, the presence of an ORF0657n antigen in a solution, bound to a microsphere or on a cell is determined using an antigen binding protein. The ability of the binding protein to bind to a protein present in the solution or cell can be determined using different techniques such as a Western blot, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), flow cytometry, and Luminex immunoassay.

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VI. Treatment

Therapeutic and prophylactic treatment can be performed on a patient using an antigen 35 binding protein binding to an appropriate target region. Therapeutic treatment is performed on those persons infected with *S. aureus*. Prophylactic treatment can be performed on the general population or a subset of the general population. A preferred subset of the general population are those persons at an increased risk of *S. aureus* infection.

A "patient" refers to a mammal capable of being infected with *S. aureus*. Preferably, the patient is a human. However, other types of mammals such as cows, pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits, horses, dogs, cats, monkeys, rats, and mice, can be infected with *S. aureus*. Treatment of non-human patients is useful in protecting pets and livestock, and in evaluating the efficacy of a particular treatment.

5 Persons with an increased risk of *S. aureus* infection include health care workers; hospital patients; patients with a weakened immune system; patients undergoing surgery; patients receiving foreign body implants, such as a catheter or a vascular device; patients facing therapy leading to a weakened immunity; and persons in professions having an increased risk of burn or wound injury. (*The Staphylococci in Human Disease*, Crossley and Archer (ed.), Churchill Livingstone Inc. 1997.)

10 In an embodiment, a patient is administered an antigen binding protein in conjunction with surgery or a foreign body implant. Reference to "surgery or a foreign body implant" includes surgery with or without providing a foreign implant, and providing a foreign implant with or without surgery. The timing of administration can be designed to achieve prophylactic treatment and/or therapeutic treatment. Administration is preferably started around the same time as surgery or
15 implantation.

Guidelines for pharmaceutical administration in general are provided in, for example, *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences 20th Edition*, Ed. Gennaro, Mack Publishing, 2000; and *Modern Pharmaceutics 2nd Edition*, Eds. Bunker and Rhodes, Marcel Dekker, Inc., 1990.

20 Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers facilitate storage or administration of an antigen binding protein. Substances used to stabilize protein solution formulations include carbohydrates, amino acids, and buffering salts. (Middaugh *et al.*, *Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology* 137:33-58, 1999.)

25 Antigen binding proteins can be administered by different routes such as intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular, or mucosal. Subcutaneous and intramuscular administration can be performed using, for example, needles or jet-injectors. Mucosal delivery, such as nasal delivery, can involve using enhancers or mucoadhesives to produce a longer retention time at adsorption sites.
(Middaugh *et al.*, *Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology* 137:33-58, 1999.)

30 Suitable dosing regimens are preferably determined taking into account factors well known in the art including age, weight, sex and medical condition of the patient; the route of administration; the desired effect; and the particular compound employed. It is expected that an effective dose range should be about 0.1 mg/kg to 20 mg/kg, or 0.5 mg/kg to 5 mg/kg. The dosing frequency can vary depending upon the effectiveness and stability of the compound. Examples of dosing frequencies include biweekly, weekly, monthly and bimonthly.

VII. Examples

35 Examples are provided below further illustrating different features of the present invention. The examples also illustrate useful methodology for practicing the invention. These examples do not limit the claimed invention.

Example 1: Generation of Monoclonal Antibodies to ORF0657n

Monoclonal antibodies directed to ORF0657n (SEQ ID NO: 1) were generated using ORF0657n-C/e (SEQ ID NO: 2) or ORF0657n-H/y (SEQ ID NO: 3) as an antigen. The antibodies were identified and characterized by ELISA and flow cytometry.

Mice and Immunizations: Female BALB/c mice, 4-5 weeks old, were purchased from Taconic (Germantown, N. Y.). Mice were immunized intramuscularly (i.m.) on days 0, 7, and 21, with 20 μ g of *E. coli* produced ORF0657n-C/e antigen or Yeast expressed ORF0657n-H/y antigen, formulated on aluminum hydroxyphosphate adjuvant. (Anderson *et al.*, International Publication No.

10 WO 2005/009379, International Publication Date February 3, 2005.) A final intravenous injection (i.v.) of 20 μ g of protein in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) was given to mice three days prior to the fusion. Mice were sacrificed and the spleens removed for cell fusion.

MAb Production: Lymphocytes prepared from spleens were fused with the mouse myeloma partner SP2/0-Ag14 (ATCC 1581) by polyethylene glycol 1500 (Boehringer Mannheim) at a 15 ratio of 3:1. The fusions were plated into 96-well flat-bottomed microtiter plates in Dulbecco's Modification of Eagle's Medium, high glucose, pyruvate (DMEM) containing 20% fetal bovine serum, hypoxanthine (10^{-4} M), thymidine (10^{-5} M), Aminopterin (4×10^{-7} M) was added 24 hours later. Supernatants from growing hybridomas were screened by ELISA for reactivity to ORF0657n as described below. Positive wells were cloned by limiting dilution and retested for ELISA reactivity.

20 Monoclonal antibodies were classified with an antibody-isotyping kit (Roche Diagnostics Corporation, Indianapolis, IN).

ELISA: Costar medium binding microtiter plates were coated overnight at 2-8°C with 50 nanograms per well of *E. coli* expressed SEQ ID NO: 2 in PBS. The plate was washed three times with PBS, 0.05% Tween20 and blocked with 1% Bovine serum albumin, PBS, 0.05% Tween20 (assay diluent) 25 for at least 1 hour. The plate was washed as before and supernatants from the fusion wells or cloned hybridomas were added and allowed to incubate for 2 hours at room temperature. The plate was washed as before and a Goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L)-HRP conjugate (Zymed) (1:8000 in assay diluent) added and allowed to incubate for 1 hour at room temperature. Assay plates were developed with TMB substrate, the reaction stopped with 2.0 N H₂SO₄ and read in a plate reader at OD 450 nm. Wells were considered 30 positive that had an optical density at 450 nm of >1.0.

Flow Cytometry: Prepared glycerol stocks of *S. aureus* passaged under iron-starved conditions (in RPMI) were used to evaluate mAb for ORF0657n binding. Frozen glycerol stock cells were thawed and resuspended in PBS; 1% bovine serum albumin; 0.1% sodium azide, 0.2% Pig IgG (Sigma) (PAAG) to a concentration of 5×10^7 CFU/50 μ l. A 50 μ l aliquot of the cells were placed in a 35 1.5 ml Eppendorf tube per reaction. Fifty microliters of the hybridoma culture were added to each reaction tube and incubated for 1 hour at room temperature. The cells were washed by adding 1 mL of phosphate buffered saline; 1% bovine serum albumin; 0.1% sodium azide (PAA) to the tube. The cells

were pelleted by centrifugation (5500 rpm, 5 minutes). The supernatant was removed and the cells were mixed with 100 μ L of secondary antibody (FITC-labeled goat anti-mouse Ig (BD Pharmingen) diluted 1:100 in PAAG). Incubation was for 1 hour at room temperature in the dark. After incubation, 1 mL PAA was added to the reaction mixture, the cells were pelleted (5500 rpm, 5 minutes) and supernatant removed. The pellets were resuspended in 1 mL of PBS and transferred to 12 x 75 mm tubes for FAC analysis.

5 Tubes were run on a BD-FACSCalibur flow cytometer instrument gated for bacterial cells and measuring the amount of FITC associated with the cells. A standard antibody with known binding to the surface of *S. aureus* was run in every assay. A negative control was run as cells and the 10 secondary conjugate alone. Hybridoma wells were considered positive if the geometric mean value was greater than 30.

15 Two separate fusions resulted in a panel of twelve monoclonal antibodies (mAb). All of the mAbs were reactive in ELISA (Table 2). Ten of the twelve mAbs bound to the surface of bacteria as evidenced by flow cytometry. All of the mAbs were positive by Western Blot analysis with the wild type protein.

Table 2

mAbs/cell lines Fusion #1	mAbs/cell lines Fusion #2
1) 2H2.B8 IgG1	
2) 8H6.E11.H3 IgG2a*	
3) 7H2.C11 IgG1*	
	4) 2E12.A8 IgG1
	5) 8A8.B4 IgG1
	6) 3G11.D5 IgG1
	7) 13G11.C11 IgG1
	8) 13C7.D12 IgG1
	9) 1G3.B3 IgG1
	10) 9H3.E4 IgG1
	11) 3B7.G8 IgG1
	12) 3G12.A4 IgG1

* Not reactive in flow cytometry. Fusion #1 was generated from *E. coli* produced ORF0657n-C/e antigen. Fusion #2 was generated with Yeast expressed ORF0657n-H/y antigen.

Example 2: Class Switching mAbs

20 All of the mAbs isolated that bound to the native antigen were of the IgG1 isotype. These antibodies were class switched to an IgG2b isotype by selecting for shift variants (Spira *et al*, *J. of Immunological Methods*, 74:307-315, 1985). A suitable immunoassay was developed using an IgG2b conjugate and the cell line was plated at a high density. Somatic cell mutations were selected, enriched

and then cloned. The binding site of the switched mAb remained identical to the original mAb, but switching to an IgG2b subtype gave a more favorable isotype (initiating the complement cascade) in the passive protection studies.

5 Table 3 Class Switched mAbs

IgG1 isotype	IgG2b isotype
2H2.B8	2H2.BE11
2E12.A8	2E12.BG1
8A8.B4	8A8.BF9
3G11.D5	3G11.BE5
13G11.C11	13G11.BF3
13C7.D12	13C7.BC1
1G3.B3	1G3.BD4
9H3.E4	9H3.BE4

Example 3: Binding Inhibition Studies with Native Antigen

Purified antibodies were labeled with Alexafluor-488 using a mAb labeling kit

10 (Molecular Probes) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The amount of mAb that would just saturate the surface of RPMI-grown bacterial cells was determined for both the labeled and unlabeled mAbs. Each of the mAbs in Table 3 (1st column) were used labeled and unlabeled.

The inhibition assay was performed by first incubating 5×10^7 cells with the unlabeled mAb at a concentration that would saturate the surface of the cells. This reaction was incubated at room 15 temperature for 1 hour. After this incubation, the reactions were washed with 1 ml of PAA and spun at 6,000 RPM for 5 minutes in a microcentrifuge (Hermle). The supernatant was removed down to ~50 ul and the cells were resuspended in 100 ul of PAAG containing the amount of directly labeled mAb that would just saturate the surface of the cells. After this incubation, the reactions were washed with 1 ml of PAA and spun at 6,000 RPM for 5 minutes in a microcentrifuge (Hermle). The supernatant was 20 removed down to ~50 ul and the cells were resuspended in 1 ml of PBS and transferred to 12 x 75 mm tubes for FAC analysis. As controls, separate reactions with the unlabeled mAb were measured with a secondary Alexafluor-488 conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L) (Molecular probes, 1:400 in PAAG) to determine that this mAb was bound to the surface. A positive control was also performed that had only the labeled mAb with the cells. If the unlabeled mAb bound to the same epitope as the labeled mAb then 25 there would be no or low fluorescent reactivity associated with the cells. If the unlabeled mAb bound to a different epitope than the labeled mAb then the level of reactivity associated with the surface would be equivalent to the labeled mAb only control cells.

The panel of monoclonal antibodies fell into four reactive groups by inhibition studies:

Table 4

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV
2H2.B8	9H3.E4	13G11.C11	2E12.A8
8A8.B4	1G3.B3		13C7.D12
	3G11.D5		

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Example 4: Binding Studies with Denatured Antigen and Altered Antigens

ORF0657n altered proteins were used to further characterize binding. Nucleic acid encoding ORF0657n was initially cloned into the expression vector pET-28a (Novagen) and expressed in *E. coli* with a C-terminal 6X his tag (SEQ ID NO: 2). The expression vector with the cloned gene was subjected to mutagenesis using Stratagene's QuikChange XL Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit following the manufacturer's instructions. The gene was mutated with specific sequential amino acid changes. The resulting plasmid was transformed into Stratagene's XL10-Gold competent cells following the manufacturer's protocol. Plasmids were isolated from transformants using Qiagen's QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit. Transformants were screened by sequencing using ABI's 310 DNA Sequencer. Plasmid from the transformant exhibiting the greatest number of base changes was transformed into the expression host HMS174(DE3) (Novagen). Transformants were expressed following Novagen's instructions.

Different ORF0657n altered proteins were used to determine the diversity of the ORF0657n mAbs (SEQ IDs 4-19). These proteins were screened with the 10 different mAbs in dot blots using standard procedures. Positive/negatives were confirmed by Western blots using standard procedures. By this approach antibodies were grouped according to their binding profile. Seven of the antibodies resolved to three groups; the three remaining antibodies (2H2.B8, 8A8.E11.H3 and 13G11.C11) had profiles that were similar but not identical to each other (Table 5).

TABLE 5: Binding of ORF0657n specific mAbs to ORF0657n mutant proteins detected by Western blot

	Group III	Group II	Group IV	Group I
SEQ ID NO:	3G11.C11 3G12.A4	3B7.G8 1G3.B3 9H3.E4	2E12.A8 13C7.D12	2H2.B8 8A8.E11.H3 13G11.C11
1	+	+	+	+
2	+	+	+	+
3	+	+	+	+

TABLE 5: Binding of ORF0657n specific mAbs to ORF0657n mutant proteins detected by Western blot

	Group III		Group II			Group IV		Group I		
SEQ ID NO:	3G11.C11	3G12.A4	3B7.G8	1G3.B3	9H3.E4	2E12.A8	13C7.D12	2H2.B8	8A8.E11.H3	13G11.C11
4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
6	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
7	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
8	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
9	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+
10	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+
11	-	-	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	W
12	-	-	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	W
13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
16	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
19	+	+	+	+	+	W	W	-	-	+

+, Antibody bound to protein in a Western; -, Antibody did not bind to protein by Western; W, Weak binding of antibody to protein detected by Western. Antibodies were grouped according to hybridization profile. A dotted line is used where similar, but not identical profiles were obtained.

Example 5: BIACore Studies

In BIACore studies the mAbs were examined by “footprint analysis” using purified ORF0657n-H/y as the antigen. Pair-wise binding experiments were conducted using real-time biomolecular interaction analysis via BIACORE®. BIACORE® incorporates microfluidics technology and surface plasmon resonance (SPR) to detect changes in mass by monitoring changes in the refractive index of a polarized light aimed directly at the surface of a carboxyl methyl dextran coated (CM5) sensor chip. The changes in response, measured in Response Units, can be correlated to the amount of bound analyte (i.e. antigen or antibody).

An anti-staphylococcal antibody (mAb 13C7.D12) was covalently bound (immobilized) on the surface of the CM5 sensor chip. The immobilized Ab was exposed first to the ORF0657n protein and subsequently to a pair of antibodies in a matrix format. After each cycle of ORF0657n protein + antibody pair, the surface of the sensor chip was regenerated back to the immobilized mAb 13C7.D12

using 20 mM HCl. Eight antibodies were tested against the ORF0657n protein in a matrix format so that all combinations of each antibody pair could be analyzed. The matrix design for mAb pairs used in this experiment is summarized in Table 6.

Table 6. Summary of Antibodies Tested in 8x8 Matrix

Cycle #	First Antibody	Second Antibody			
		Flow Cell 1	Flow Cell 2	Flow Cell 3	Flow Cell 4
1	N/A Immobilization	13C7.D12	13C7.D12	13C7.D12	13C7.D12
2	2H2.B8	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
3	2H2.B8	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
4	13C7.D12	2H.B82	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
5	13C7.D12	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
6	8A8.B4	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
7	8A8.B4	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
8	9H3.E4	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
9	9H3.E4	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
10	13G11.C11	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
11	13G11.C11	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
12	2E12.A8	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
13	2E12.A8	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
14	1G3.B3	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
15	1G3.B3	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5
16	3G11.D5	2H2.B8	13C7.D12	8A8.B4	9H3.E4
17	3G11.D5	13G11.C11	2E12.A8	1G3.B3	3G11.D5

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To normalize for the amount of antigen initially bound (captured) in each run, the following ratio for each test antibody/antigen complex is calculated:

$$= \frac{\text{Test Antibody Response Units}^* 1000}{\text{ORF0657n protein Response Units}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\text{mRU}_{\text{Ab}}}{\text{RU}_{\text{Ag}}}$$

10 The percentage of available epitope remaining for each antibody can be calculated for the mapping pair as follows:

$$= \frac{(\text{mRU}_{\text{Ab}} \text{ (when 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ Ab) / RU}_{\text{Ag}})^* 100}{(\text{mRU}_{\text{Ab}} \text{ (when 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ Ab) / RU}_{\text{Ag}})} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{aligned} &\% \text{ Remaining} \\ &\text{(calculated for each Ab)} \end{aligned}$$

Figure 2 illustrates matrix resulting outlining the reactivities of the monoclonal antibodies in a pair-wise binding study. The panel of monoclonal antibodies fell into three reactive areas by the BIACORE® method (See Table 7).

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Table 7

Group I	Group II	Group III
2H2.B8	13G11.C11	13C7.D12
8A8.B4	3G11.D5	2E12.A8
9H3.E4		
1G3.B3		

Example 6: Protection Studies with Passive Immunization in a Murine Sepsis Model

10 The monoclonal antibodies mAb 2H2.BE11 and mAb 13C7.BC1 were tested for their ability to provide protection against *S. aureus* infection. These antibodies recognize different epitopes on the ORF0657n protein. Controls included an isotype matched mAb and PBS-only.

15 The mAbs or PBS were administered intraperitoneally (i.p.) 20 hours prior to bacterial challenge. Mice were then challenged with a LD₅₀₋₉₀ dose of *S. aureus* Becker i.v. and monitored for survival. Each experiment was repeated three times with groups of 10 or 20 mice and was monitored for 10 days. The half life for the monoclonal antibodies in uninfected BALB/c mice is approximately eight days. A dose of 0.5 mg was found to be optimal. The results of experiments with the two monoclonal antibodies are presented in Figures 3A-C, 4A, 4B, and 5A-C.

20 Whereas the mAb 13C7.BC1 significantly improved survival at day 10 compared to the controls in one experiment, in the other 2 repetitions the overall survival rate was similar to that of the controls (Figures 3A-3C). However, compared to controls, there was delay in the time to death of the mAb 13C7.BC1 treated mice within this 10 day period. A similar trend in delay of time to death of the mAb 2H2.BE11 treated mice was also noted in two of the three experiments (Figures 5A-5C).

25 The effect of mAb 13C7.BC1 was also examined using a recent *S. aureus* clinical isolate UK58 (Figures 4A and 4B). This strain was minimally passaged from an abscess site in a patient. In two independent experiments, the results show a delay in time to death with the UK58 challenge.

30 Antibody persistence studies cannot be evaluated in the LD₅₀₋₉₀ model due to the rapid rate of death. Therefore, a sub-lethal challenge model was run. In the sub-lethal model the challenge dose used is 10% of that used for the LD₅₀₋₉₀ model. The sub-lethal challenge model was monitored over a four day period. Groups of 22 mice received 0.5 mg doses of either mAb 13C7.BC1 or isotype control mAb (6G6) 20 hours prior to i.v. bacterial challenge with 5 X 10⁷ CFU of *S. aureus* Becker. Two animals from each group were sacrificed just prior to challenge (T=0) to determine the mAb levels in the

serum at the time of challenge. At 2, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours post challenge, four mice from each group were sacrificed and serum mAb levels determined.

From this sub-lethal challenge experiment, the half life of mAb 13C7.BC1 in *S. aureus*-infected mice was estimated to be approximately one-day. In contrast, the half life of the isotype control mAb was estimated to be greater than four days (data not shown). These data point to a specific reduction of mAb 13C7.BC1 in *S. aureus* challenged mice, which appears to be exhausted well before the ten day period monitored in the lethal model.

In six of the eight experiments illustrated in Figures 3A-C, 4A, 4B, and 5A-C, improved survival was observed through approximately three days for the groups receiving the mAb administration. These results provide an indication that such mAbs have a positive effect on the survival rate of *S. aureus* challenged mice.

Example 7: Protection Studies with Passive Immunization in a Murine Indwelling Catheter Model

A murine indwelling catheter model was used with mAb 2H2.BE11. The *S. aureus* strain used in this model was the clinical isolate MCL8538. This strain was selected as lower inocula could be administered while still getting reproducible colonization of catheters compared to *S. aureus* Becker, the strain used in the murine sepsis model.

ICR mice had catheters (PE50 silicone rubber) surgically implanted into the jugular vein, held in place with sutures, and exiting with a port on the dorsal midline of the mouse. Mice were rested 9-11 days post surgery. At 24 hours prior to challenge, mice were passively immunized with a single injection of 600 mcg of murine monoclonal antibody 2H2.BE11 administered i.p. At day 0, mice were challenged with *S. aureus* MCL8538 administered i.v. The inoculum dose was $2 - 8 \times 10^5$ CFU in 100 μ l volume (Experiments 1 to 3). This low dose was found to clear spontaneously from the catheters after 4 days. Therefore, catheters were assessed for bacteria at 24 hours post challenge. At that time, mice were sacrificed and catheters harvested. The presence of bacteria on the catheters was assessed by culturing the entire catheter on TSA. If any sign of outgrowth was observed on the plate the catheter was scored as culture positive.

In two of the first three experiments, the number of culture negative catheters was significantly lower in mice passively immunized with antibody 2H2.BE11, as compared to the isotype control antibody. A fourth experiment was performed using a larger inoculum dose. In this more rigorous challenge, the dose was determined to be one in which 100% of catheters were reproducibly infected, and this infection was not spontaneously cleared by control mice (monitored over 7 days). In experiment 4, with the larger inoculum size, again, significantly fewer catheters were found to be infected in mice injected with antibody to 2H2.BE11, compared with the isotype control. Results of the four experiments are summarized in Table 8.

Table 8: Number Of Culture Negative Catheters Obtained In 4 Independent Passive Transfer Experiments Using a Murine Indwelling Catheter Model

Monoclonal	Number of Culture-Negative Catheters					p-value
	Exp#1	Exp#2	Exp#3	Exp#4	Total	
2H2.BE11	3 of 4 (75%)	6 of 8 (75%)	4 of 10 (40%)	4 of 9 (44%)	17/31 (54%)	0.0187
Isotype matched control	1 of 4 (25%)	3 of 8 (38%)	4 of 10 (40%)	0 of 9 (0%)	8/31 (25%)	

Groups of ICR mice with indwelling catheters were injected i.p. with 600 mcg of murine monoclonal antibody 24 hours prior to challenge, all monoclonals of the IgG2b isotype

5 **Example 8: Ex-Vivo Pre-Opsonization of Bacteria Using anti-ORF0657n Monoclonal Antibodies 2H2.B8 (IgG1), 2H2.BE11 (IgG2b), or 13C7.IgG2b or Isotype Matched Control mAbs**

To test whether monoclonal antibodies to ORF0657n are opsonic, passive protection experiments were conducted in which a lethal dose of *S. aureus* was pre-opsonized with the monoclonal antibodies 2H2.B8, 2H2.BE11, or 13C7.IgG2b, or an isotype matched control monoclonal antibody.

10 10 Pre-opsonized bacteria were then administered to mice i.p. Bacteria used in these experiments were *S. aureus* RN4220 (wild type) or RN4220.0657n. The RN4220.0657n bacteria were engineered to express ORF0657n in the absence of control by the FUR box. Therefore, they could be grown in the presence of iron and still express ORF0657n antigen on their surface. Alternatively, RN4220 (wild type) was passed 2X in a low iron medium RPMI to induce expression of 0657n on the bacteria surface.

15 15 A quantity of bacteria sufficient for 6 Balb/c mice (6 X LD₁₀₀) was incubated with 800 µg IgG at 4 °C for 1 hour, with gentle rocking. Bacteria were then pelleted and any unbound mAb removed. Antibody-opsonized bacteria were re-suspended in 2.4 mL of PBS, and 0.4 mL (1 X LD₁₀₀) was injected into each of five mice. After challenge, each inoculum was quantitated by plating on TSA to insure that equivalent CFU was given to all groups of mice and that the mAbs had not aggregated the bacteria. Survival was monitored for 3 days post challenge. Since the target antigen must be present on the surface of the bacteria for this procedure to be effective, care was taken to ensure that 0657n was expressed on the bacteria prior to opsonization. ORF0657n expression was monitored by flow cytometry using mAb 2H2.B8. The dose of opsonized bacteria injected into each mouse was 2-4 X 10⁹ CFU RN4220.0657n/mouse, or 1-2 X 10⁹ CFU RN4220(2X RPMI)/mouse.

20 25 When pre-opsonized with either 2H2.B8 or 2H2.BE11, but not an isotype matched control mAb, mice were protected from death from a lethal dose of RN4220.0657n staphylococci. The experiment was repeated twice for the IgG1 isotype and three times for the IgG2b isotype with similar results (Table 9A).

Table 9A: Ex-vivo Protection with Anti-0657n mAb

Monoclonal	Exp 1 Surviving Mice	Exp 2 Surviving Mice	Exp 3 Surviving Mice	Total
2H2.BE11 (IgG2b)	5	4	5	93% (14/15)
6G6.A8 (IgG2b)	1	0	1	13% (2/15)
PBS	1	2	0	20% (3/15)
2H2.BE11 (IgG1)	ND	4	5	90% (9/10)
10B4.H4 (IgG1)	ND	1	1	20% (2/10)

Five mice were used in each experiment. Challenge strain RN4220.0657n.pYZ119. Dose: 2-4 X 10⁹ CFU. Test mAbs: murine anti-0657n 2H2.BE11 (IgG2b); 2H2.B8 (IgG1).

5 When pre-opsonized with either mAb 2H2.B8 but not an isotype matched control mAb, mice were protected from death from a lethal dose of RN4220 (2X RPMI) staphylococci. The experiment was repeated six times with similar results (Table 9B).

Table 9B: Ex-vivo Protection with Anti-0657n mAb

Monoclonal	# Tests	Aggregate	% Survival
2H2.B8	6	30/30	100%
10B4.IgG1 Isotype control	6	2/30	7%
13C7.IgG2b	2	0/10	0%
6G6.IgG2b Isotype control	2	0/10	0%

10 Murine anti-0657n 2H2 was very effective in preventing death in this lethal model. The 13C7 mAb was not effective in this model (as opposed to the previously described model illustrated in Figures 3-6). All (2H2.BE11, 2H2.B8 and 13C7.IgG2b) of the anti-0657n mAb's bind RN4220 (as demonstrated using flow cytometry) and all have opsonizing activity in the *in vitro* OPA assay. This model reflects an additional requirement for epitope specificity for enhancing survival in the peritoneum of the mouse.

Example 8: Epitope mapping studies performed with 2H2 mAb

20 The experiments described in this example provide evidence that the monoclonal antibody 2H2.BE11 recognizes a conformational epitope within ORFO657n. The experiments localized the minimal sequence within ORFO657n required for displaying the conformational epitope in a three dimensional structure recognized by 2H2 mAb. In addition, the experiments identified distinct lysine

residues within the minimal sequence of ORFO657n that become protected from reacting with small molecules when 2H2 mAb is bound to ORFO657n.

The potential ability of 2H2 mAb to recognize linear epitopes of typically 9 to 14 amino acids in length within the sequence of ORFO657n was investigated using epitope extraction and starting 5 with an ORF0657n fragment from amino acid 42 to amino acid 486 of SEQ ID NO: 1 ("ORF0657t"). In detail: 30 μ g of 2H2 mAb were immobilized by chemical cross linking to 10 mg of cyanogen bromide activated sepharose (Amersham cat. No. 17 0430 01) for each of the epitope extraction experiments. Proteolytic digests of the ORF0657t were generated with GluC (Roche Applied Science cat. No. 11 420 3997 001), Asp-N (Roche Applied Science cat. No. 11 054 589 001) or Chymotrypsin (Roche Applied 10 Science cat. No. 11 418 467 001) and characterized by 1D/LC-MS/MS on a linear ion trap (LTQ – Thermo Electron Inc). In three individual experiments 8.4 μ g of the characterized proteolytic digest from any protease was allowed to react with the immobilized antibody. Unbound peptides were washed off the antibody cross-linked beads. Potentially bound peptides were eluted with low pH and characterized by 1D/LC-MS/MS. None of the generated proteolytic peptides were recognized with high efficiency and 15 specificity by 2H2 mAb, providing a strong indication that 2H2 mAb did not recognize a linear epitope.

The finding that 2H2 mAb did not recognize a linear sequence of ORFO657n was corroborated by a limited chemical cleavage experiment. ORF0657t was chemically cleaved with CNBr for 2 hours. The resulting cleavage products were analyzed by SDS-PAGE. SDS-PAGE analysis showed 5 major bands with molecular weights of approximately 42 kDa, 35 kDa, 25 kDa, 15 kDa and 10 kDa. A 20 Western Blot analysis with 2H2 mAb clearly showed that only the 42 kDa band was recognized by 2H2. All bands were excised from the SDS-PAGE, in-gel digest was performed, and the resulting peptides that were identified by tandem mass spectrometry were matched to corresponding sequences in ORF0657t. The result of the analysis of the major bands is shown in Table 10:

Table 10

CNBr cleavage	Binds to 2H2 mAb	ORFO657t	Calculated MW kDa
Band 42 kDa	yes	[001-356]	40.7
Band 35 kDa	no	[001-323]	36.7
Band 25 kDa	no	[001-214]	23.9
		[116-302]	21.9
Band 15 kDa	no	[215-356]	16.8
		[303-446]	16.6
Band 10 kDa	no	[114-214]	11.7
		[215-302]	10.39
		[357-446]	10.28

The importance of a fragment with a molecular weight of ~ 42 kDa was confirmed by epitope excision. In detail, 210 µg of 2H2 mAb was immobilized by chemical cross linking to 50 mg of cyanogen bromide activated sepharose (Amersham cat. No. 17 0430 01) for each of the epitope excision experiments. Then, 50 µg of intact ORF0657t was allowed to bind to the immobilized antibody and non-bound ORF0657t washed off by intensive washing with phosphate buffered saline. In three independent experiments proteases Glu-C, Trypsin and a sequential combination of GluC, AspN, Trypsin, Chymotrypsin, and Carboxy-peptidase Y were added for 5 hours or one hour per protease in the sequential combination. Peptides that were excised by the proteases during the incubation were thoroughly washed away and ORF0657t fragments that specifically bound to 2H2 mAb released with SDS loading buffer.

Fragments that specifically bound to 2H2 mAb were analyzed by SDS-page. All three of the epitope excision experiments showed exclusively one band with a molecular weight between 40 and 42 kDa in the SDS-Page analysis. Bands binding to 2H2 mAb were confirmed by Western Blot analysis. The epitope excision experiment was repeated for the Glu-C protease. This time the fragment of ORF0657t that specifically bound to 2H2 mAb was released with acidic conditions and analyzed by 1D/LC-MS/MS on a linear ion trap (LTQ, Thermo Electron). The eluted sample showed a signal (total ion count) with the expected intensity at 82-87 minutes (40%–45% acetonitrile) and multiple charge states ($[M+67 H]^{67+}$ to $[M+30 H]^{30+}$) that deconvoluted to 42.628 kDa. A possible fragment of ORFO657t corresponding to this particular mass is sequence [012-382] of ORFO657t with a molecular weight of 42.6 kDa.

To determine which lysine residues of ORFO657t are protected from chemical reactions upon binding of 2H2 mAb, chemical labeling experiments were preformed with sulfo-NHS-acetate (Pierce Cat. No. 26777) using three different experimental conditions in the presence or absence of 2H2 mAb. See Table 11.

Table 11

Experiment	1	2	3
molar excess 2H2 mAb	0 or 3	0 or 3	0 or 3
molar excess sulfo-NHS acetate	25	500	75
Reaction temperature °C	room temperature	15	37
Reaction time	1 hour	30 minutes	2 hours

For each experiment, reaction products produced with 0 or 3 molar excess 2H2 mAb were incubated with one of three proteases resulting in 2 x 9 reaction mixtures. Experiment 1 employed

GluC, AspN and Trypsin. Experiments 2 and 3 employed GluC, AspN, and Chymotrypsin. The proteolytic peptides were then analyzed by 1D/LC-MS/MS. For each of the reactions a ratio of acetylated and non-acetylated lysine residues was calculated based on the area under curve of the total ion count (TIC) of the individual peptides. Obtained ratios were then compared between the pairs (with and without 2H2 mAb) for identical reaction conditions. A global analysis was performed for all three reaction conditions to identify lysine residues within ORF0657t that are maximally shielded upon binding of ORF0657t to 2H2 mAb. The chemical labeling experiment described above identified K76, K257 and potentially K443 as being most protected upon binding of 2H2 mAb. Protection against chemical labeling is likely due to direct binding. However, it is possible that such protection could be due to binding in close proximity to the protected sites or by long range structural changes within ORFO657nI

In summary, the above described experiments provide clear evidence that the epitope within ORF0657t that is recognized by the 2H2 mAb is conformational. The fragment of ORF0657t that is recognized by 2H2 mAb has an N-terminus located between amino acids 1 and 115 of ORF0675t and a carboxyl terminus located between amino acids 323-357 of ORF0657t. Even though it can not be excluded that protection from chemical labeling upon binding of 2H2 mAb is influenced by long range structural changes, it is very likely that areas in close proximity to Lysine 76 and Lysine 275 participate in direct antibody interaction.

20 Example 9: 2H2 mAb Sequence Identification

Identification of the variable light (V_L) and variable heavy (V_H) sequences of hybridoma expressed 2H2 IgG was accomplished by combining the degenerative primer PCR /overlap extension cloning process for single chain variable fragments (scFv) assembly (Krebber *et al.* *JIM* 201(1):35-55, 1997), with high throughput screening of soluble scFv fused to a human kappa light chain constant domain or scAb material via Biacore. This allowed for fine discrimination of mutations in V_L frameworks 1, 4 and V_H frameworks 1, 4 generated by the degenerative primer method.

Briefly, RNA material was purified from the hybridoma cell line using standard methods from a Total RNA KitTM (Ambion Inc.). This material was then reverse transcribed to cDNA and utilized as template in PCR to amplify the variable regions. The conditions for the PCR amplification of the V_L and V_H chains was based upon the protocol described by Krebber *et al.* *JIM* 201(1):35-55, 1997. The primers are designed such that a (Gly4Ser)₄ linker (SEQ ID NO: 32) is added which provides domains for a third PCR reaction in which the V_H and V_L are overlapped to create a V_L -(Gly4Ser)₄- V_H scFv.

35 The first set of PCR reactions to amplify the variable chains individually, were carried out in a volume of 100 μ l containing 5 μ l of the cDNA reaction, 2 μ M each of the forward and reverse primer sets for amplification of V_L and V_H , and a high fidelity PCR master mix. The reactions were denatured for 4 minutes at 94°C followed by 30 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 30 seconds at 50°C, 1

minute at 72°C, and finished at a final cycle of 5 minutes at 72°C. The full length PCR products were gel purified.

To construct the full length product a third PCR reaction was done to assemble to scFv from the amplified V_h and V_l material. In a volume of 100 µl approximately 20 ng each of V_h and V_l

5 DNA and a high fidelity PCR master mix was denatured for 5 minutes at 94°C, followed by 3 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 30 s at 60°C, and 30 seconds at 72°C in the absence of primers. The modified PCR primers, SEQ ID NO: 33 and SEQ ID NO: 34 were added at a final concentration of 1 µM, and 30 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 1 minutes at 60°C, and 1 minute at 72°C were performed, followed by 7 minutes at 72°C. The expected full length scFv PCR products were gel purified.

10 The amplified scFv material was cloned into the MP16 soluble expression vector for scAb production (Hayhurst *et al.*, *JIM* 276(1-2):185-196, 2003) and sequence analysis. A single restriction enzyme digest with Sfi1 was used for directional cloning into the MP16 vector. Clones with apparent full length variable heavy and variable light chains present were then expressed as scAbs in XL1-Blue cells and recovered from the periplasm using a standard osmotic shock procedure. Briefly, 15 clones were grown at 37°C overnight in growth media containing 2% glucose and 100 µg/ml ampicillin in a 96 well format. 20 µl of the overnight culture was transferred to new media containing 0.1% glucose and 100 µg/ml ampicillin and grown until an OD₆₀₀ of 0.6 was reached. The cells were induced for scAb expression by adding IPTG at a final concentration of 0.5 mM and incubated overnight while shaking at 150 rpm, at room temperature. The scAbs were purified from the cells using a Qiagen Ni-NTA 20 superflow robotic procedure.

25 To analyze each scAb periplasmic preparation for binding activity to ORF0657t, a Biacore3000 surface plasmon resonance (SPR) instrument (Upsala, Sweden) was utilized. Standard EDC/NHS coupling was used to covalently mobilize approximately 250 resonance units of the 0657t antigen directly to the experimental flow cell surface of a CMS sensor chip. A reference flow cell surface was activated and deactivated without coupling of protein. Each preparation was then run over the surface and association and dissociation of the scAb to antigen was measured. The surfaces were regenerated between runs by a single injection of 10 mM HCl for 20 seconds at a flow rate of 20 µl/min, followed by a 2 minute stabilization period. All samples were run in duplicate and buffer only runs were used as controls. After screening 95 clones, a clone was selected based on its binding activity. The final 30 2H2 clone chosen was based upon its similar affinity for ORF0657t as the original hybridoma prepared IgG material as well as comparative sequence analysis.

The amino sequence of the 2H2 V_h (SEQ ID NO: 20) and V_l (SEQ ID NO: 21) were as follows:

2H2 V_h Amino Acid Sequence (SEQ ID NO: 20)

1 DVHLVESGPG LVAPSQNLSI TCTVSGFSLS RYGVHWVRQP PGKGLEWLGL
 51 IWAGGVTIYN STLMSRLSIS KDSSKSQVFL KMNSLQIDDT AIYYCAREAS
 101 RDHYFDYWGQ GTTLLTVSS

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2H2 V_l Amino Acid Sequence (SEQ ID NO: 21)

1 DIVMTQSPAI MSASPGEKIT MTCSASSSVS YIYWYQQKSG TSPKRWIYDT
 51 SKLASGVFPR FSGGGSGTSF SLTISSMEAE DAATYYCQQW SSNPLTFGAG
 10 101 TKLEIK

The underlined portions are the CDR's. CDR's were identified based on the Kabat definition. The encoding nucleic acid sequence is provided by SEQ ID NO: 24 (V_h) and SEQ ID NO: 25 (V_l).

15 Example 10: 2H2 IgG Chimera Expression

The variable regions for 2H2 mAb were cloned from mouse hybridoma as described in Example 9. The sequences for the variable regions were PCR amplified and DNA encoding the heavy chain variable regions were fused in-frame with DNA encoding the IgG1 constant region whereas DNA encoding the light chain variable region were fused in-frame with DNA encoding the kappa constant region. The cloning procedure for the resulting antibody expression vectors is described below.

The variable regions were PCR amplified. PCR reactions were carried out in a volume of 25 μ l containing high fidelity PCR master mix, template volume 1 μ l and forward and reverse primers: 1 μ l each. PCR condition was 1 cycle of 94°C, 2 minutes, 25 cycles of 94°C, 1.5 minutes; 60°C, 1.5 minutes; 72°C, 1.5 minutes and 72°C, 7 minutes; 4°C until removed and cloned in-frame with leader sequence at 25 the 5'-end and constant region at the 3'-end using In-Fusion strategy. The following primers were used: Light chain forward, 5'- ACAGATGCCAGATGCGATATTGTGATGACCCAGTCT (SEQ ID NO: 28); Light chain reverse, 5'- TGCAGCCACCGTACGTTTATTCCAGCTTGGTCCC (SEQ ID NO: 29); Heavy chain forward, 5'- ACAGGTGTCCACTCGGATGTGCACCTGGTGGAGTCA (SEQ ID NO: 30); and Heavy chain reverse, 5'- GCCCTTGGTGGATGCCGAGGAGACTGTGAGAGTGGT (SEQ ID NO: 31). The DNA sequences for all the clones were confirmed by sequencing.

The amino acid sequences deduced from DNA sequences are:

Mouse 2H2 Variable and Human Kappa Constant Region Amino Acid Sequence (SEQ ID NO: 22)

1 DIVMTQSPAI MSASPGEKIT MTCSASSSVS YIYWYQQKSG TSPKRWIYDT
 35 51 SKLASGVFPR FSGGGSGTSF SLTISSMEAE DAATYYCQQW SSNPLTFGAG
 101 TKLEIKRTVA APSVFIFPPS DEQLKSGTAS VVCLLNNFYP REAKVQWKVD
 151 NALQSGNSQE SVTEQDSKDS TYSLSSTLTL SKADYEKHKV YACEVTHQGL
 201 SSPVTKSFNR GEC

Mouse 2H2 Variable and Human IgG1 Constant Region Amino Acid Sequence (SEQ ID NO: 23)

1	<u>DVHLVESGPG</u> LVAPSQNLSI TCTVSGFSLS RYGVHWVRQP PGKGLEWLGL
51	<u>IWAGGVTIYN</u> STLMSRLSIS KDSSKSQVFL KMNSLQIIDDT AIYYCAREAS
5	<u>RDHYFDYWGQ</u> GTTLTVSSAS TKGPSVFPLA PSSKSTSGGT AALGCLVKDY
151	FPEPVTVSWN SGALTSGVHT FPAVLQSSGL YSLSSVVTVP SSSLGTQTYI
201	CNVNHKPSNT KVDKRVEPKS CDKTHTCPPC PAPELLGGPS VFLFPPKPKD
251	TLMISRTPEV TCVVVDVSHE DPEVKFNWYV DGVEVHNNAKT KPREEQYNST
301	YRVVSVLTVL HQDWLNGKEY KCKVSNKALP APIEKTISKA KGQPREPQVY
10	351 TLPPSREEMT KNQVSLTCLV KGFYPSDIAV EWESNGQOPEN NYKTPPPVLD
	401 SDGSFFLYSK LTVDKSRWQQ GNVFSCSVMH EALHNHYTQK SLSLSPGK

The variable regions are underlined.

The antibodies were expressed in 293EBNA monolayer cells. The plasmids were transfected using PEI based transfection reagents. The transfected cells were incubated in Opti-MEM serum free medium and the secreted antibodies were purified from medium using protein A/G affinity chromatography. The concentration of purified antibodies was determined by OD280 nm and the purity was measured by LabChip™ capillary electrophoresis.

The expression of both light and heavy chains was driven by human CMV promoter and bovine growth hormone polyadenylation signal. (Shiver *et al.*, *Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci.*, 772:198-208, 1995.) The leader sequence in the front mediated the secretion of antibodies into the culture medium. The leader sequence for the heavy chain was MEWSWVFLFFLSVTIGVHS (SEQ ID NO: 26) and for the light chain was MSVPTQVLGLLLWLTDARC (SEQ ID NO: 27). The expression vectors carry oriP from EBV viral genome for prolonged expression in 293EBNA cells and the bacterial sequences for kanamycin selection marker and replication origin in *E. coli*.

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Example 11: Affinity Determination

Comparative analysis was performed on 2H2 mAb as hybridoma material, scAb and a chimeric antibody. 2H2 mAb V_h and V_l region were cloned and expressed as an IgG chimera as described in Example 10. scAb was cloned into the MP16 vector (Example 9), which produces a scFv with a Human Kappa chain tag fused to it. As further described below, the antigen affinity was not significantly different among the constructs.

To measure a 1:1 interaction between the binding domain and the antigen, the experimental set up on Biacore was modified depending on whether antibody fragment or full length IgG

was analyzed. For IgG measurements, the IgG was captured to the surface as ligand and ORF0657t was run as analyte. For antibody fragment analysis, ORF0657t was bound to the surface and the antibody fragment was run as the analyte. This demonstrated that the affinity of the original 2H2 mAb hybridoma material to the ORF0657t antigen shows no significant change upon recombinant cloning (Table 12).

5 Data were acquired via surface plasmon resonance on a Biacore 3000; each analyte was run at multiple concentrations, with two replicates per concentration. Data were analyzed with BIAevaluation (Biacore, Inc.) with simultaneous fits of entire concentration series. Fit parameters are listed in Table 12.

Table 12

	On-rate ka (1/Ms)	Off-rate kd (1/s)	Affinity, KD	chi ² global fit
2H2 murine IgG2b	6.10 E+04	2.01 E-03	33nM	0.902
2H2 scAb	4.91 E+04	1.91 E-03	39nM	0.429
2H2 IgG chimera	1.10 E+05	2.73 E-03	25nM	0.295

Example 12: ORF0657n Based Sequences

The highlighted amino acids (indicated by bold and underlying) present in SEQ ID NOs:

15 4-19 show amino acid alterations to ORF0657n:

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Other embodiments are within the following claims. While several embodiments have
been shown and described, various modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and
25 scope of the present invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated antigen binding protein comprising a first variable region and a second variable region, wherein said binding protein binds to a target region selected from the group consisting of: mAb 1G3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target region.

2. The binding protein of claim 1, wherein said target region is the mAb 2H2.BE11 target region and said first variable region is a V_h region comprising:

10 a first V_h CDR comprising amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 36-45 by one amino acid;
a second V_h CDR comprising amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 50-65 by one amino acid; and
a third V_h CDR comprising amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 98-107 by one amino acid.

3. The binding protein of claim 2, wherein said second variable region is a V_l region comprising:

20 a first V_l CDR comprising amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 24-33 by one amino acid;
a second V_l CDR comprising amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 49-55 by one amino acid; and
a third V_l CDR comprising amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 88-96 by one amino acid.

25 4. The binding protein of claim 3, wherein said binding protein is an antibody.

5. The binding protein of claim 4, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

30 6. The binding protein of claim 4, wherein said V_h region is either SEQ ID NO: 20, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20; and said V_l region is either SEQ ID NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

35 7. The binding protein of claim 6, wherein said binding protein is an antibody comprising (a) a heavy chain comprising said V_h region, and a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 regions from an IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃ or IgG₄ subtype; and (b) a light chain comprising said V_l region, and either a human kappa C_L or human lambda C_L .

8. The binding protein of claim 3, wherein
said V_h region comprises said first V_h CDR consisting of amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID
NO: 20, said second V_h CDR consisting of amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20, and said third V_h
5 CDR consisting of amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20 and;
said first V_l region comprises said first V_l CDR consisting of amino acids 24-33 of SEQ
ID NO: 21, said second V_l CDR consisting of amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21, and said third V_l
CDR consisting of amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21.

10 9. The binding protein of claim 8, wherein said binding protein is an antibody.

10. The binding protein of claim 9, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

11. The binding protein of claim 9, wherein said V_h region is either SEQ ID NO: 20,
15 a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20; and said V_l region is either SEQ ID
NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

20 12. The binding protein of claim 8, wherein said binding protein is an antibody
comprising (a) a heavy chain comprising said V_h region, and a human hinge, CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3
regions from an IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃ or IgG₄ subtype; and (b) a light chain comprising said V_l region, and
either a human kappa C_L or human lambda C_L .

25 13. The binding protein of claim 12, wherein said heavy chain consists essentially of
the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22; and said light chain consists essentially of the amino acid
sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23.

30 14. A nucleic acid comprising a recombinant gene comprising a nucleotide sequence
encoding an antibody variable region that binds to a target region selected from the group consisting of:
mAb IG3.BD4 target region, mAb 2H2.BE11 target region, mAb 13C7.BC1, and mAb 13G11.BF3 target
region.

15. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said target region is the mAb 2H2.BE11
target region and said variable region is a V_h region comprising:
35 a first V_h CDR comprising amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing
from amino acids 36-45 by one amino acid;
a second V_h CDR comprising amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence
differing from amino acids 50-65 by one amino acids; and

a third V_h CDR comprising amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence differing from amino acids 98-107 by one amino acid.

16. The nucleic acid of claim 15, wherein said V_h region comprises said first V_h 5 CDR consisting of amino acids 36-45 of SEQ ID NO: 20; said second V_h CDR consisting of amino acids 50-65 of SEQ ID NO: 20; and said third V_h CDR consisting of amino acids 98-107 of SEQ ID NO: 20.

17. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said variable region is either SEQ ID NO: 20, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 20, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 20.

10 18. The nucleic acid of claim 17, wherein said recombinant gene encodes an antibody heavy chain comprising said variable region, a human hinge, and CH_1 , CH_2 , and CH_3 regions from an IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃ or IgG₄ subtype.

15 19. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said variable region is a V_l region comprising:
a first V_l CDR comprising amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 24-33 by one amino acid;
a second V_l CDR comprising amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence 20 differing from amino acids 49-55 by one amino acid; and
a third V_l CDR comprising amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence differing from amino acids 88-96 by one amino acid.

20. The nucleic acid of claim 19, wherein said first V_l region comprises said first V_l 25 CDR consisting of amino acids 24-33 of SEQ ID NO: 21, said second V_l CDR consisting of amino acids 49-55 of SEQ ID NO: 21, and said third V_l CDR consisting of amino acids 88-96 of SEQ ID NO: 21.

21. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said variable region is either SEQ ID NO: 21, a humanized SEQ ID NO: 21, or a de-immunized SEQ ID NO: 21.

30 22. The nucleic acid of claim 17, wherein said recombinant gene encodes an antibody light chain comprising said variable region and a human kappa or lambda C_L .

23. A recombinant cell comprising one or more nucleic acids of any one of claims 35 14-22.

24. The recombinant cell of claim 23, wherein said cell comprises both the nucleic acid of claim 18 and the nucleic acid of claim 22.

25. A method of producing protein comprising an antibody variable region comprising the steps of:

- 5 a) growing the recombinant cell of claim 23 under conditions wherein said protein is expressed; and
- b) purifying said protein.

10 26. A method of producing protein comprising an antibody variable region comprising the steps of:

- a) growing the recombinant cell of claim 24 under conditions wherein said protein is expressed; and
- 15 b) purifying said protein.

27. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the binding protein of any one of claims 1-13 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

28. A method of detecting the presence of an OFR0657n antigen in a solution or on 20 a cell comprising the steps of: (a) providing the binding protein of any one of claims 1-13 to said solution or said cell; and (b) measuring the ability of said binding protein to bind to said antigen present in said solution or to said cell.

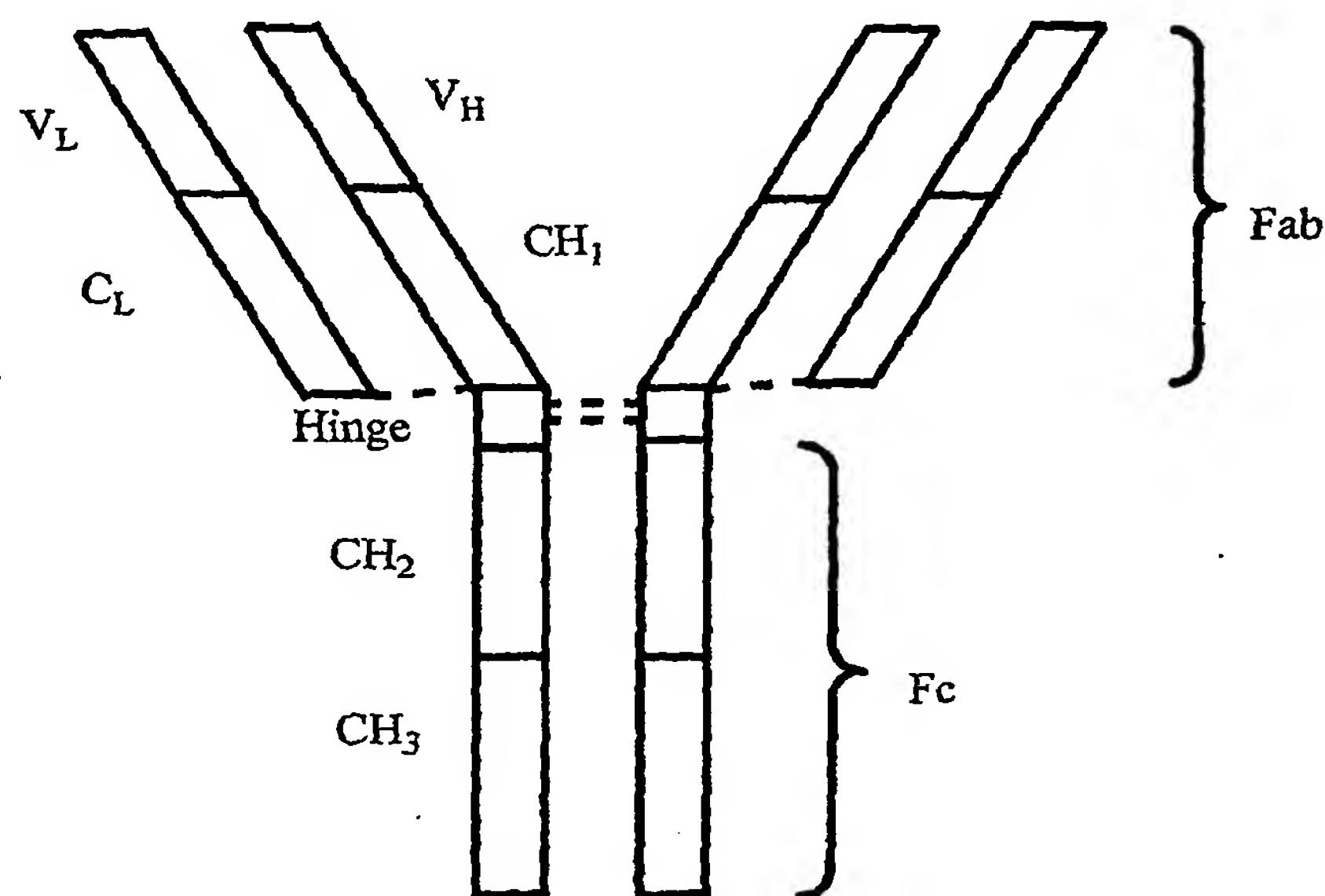
29. A method of treating against an *S. aureus* infection in a patient comprising the 25 step of administering to said patient an effective amount of the binding protein of any one of claims 1-13.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein said antigen binding protein is administered in conjunction with surgery or a foreign body implant.

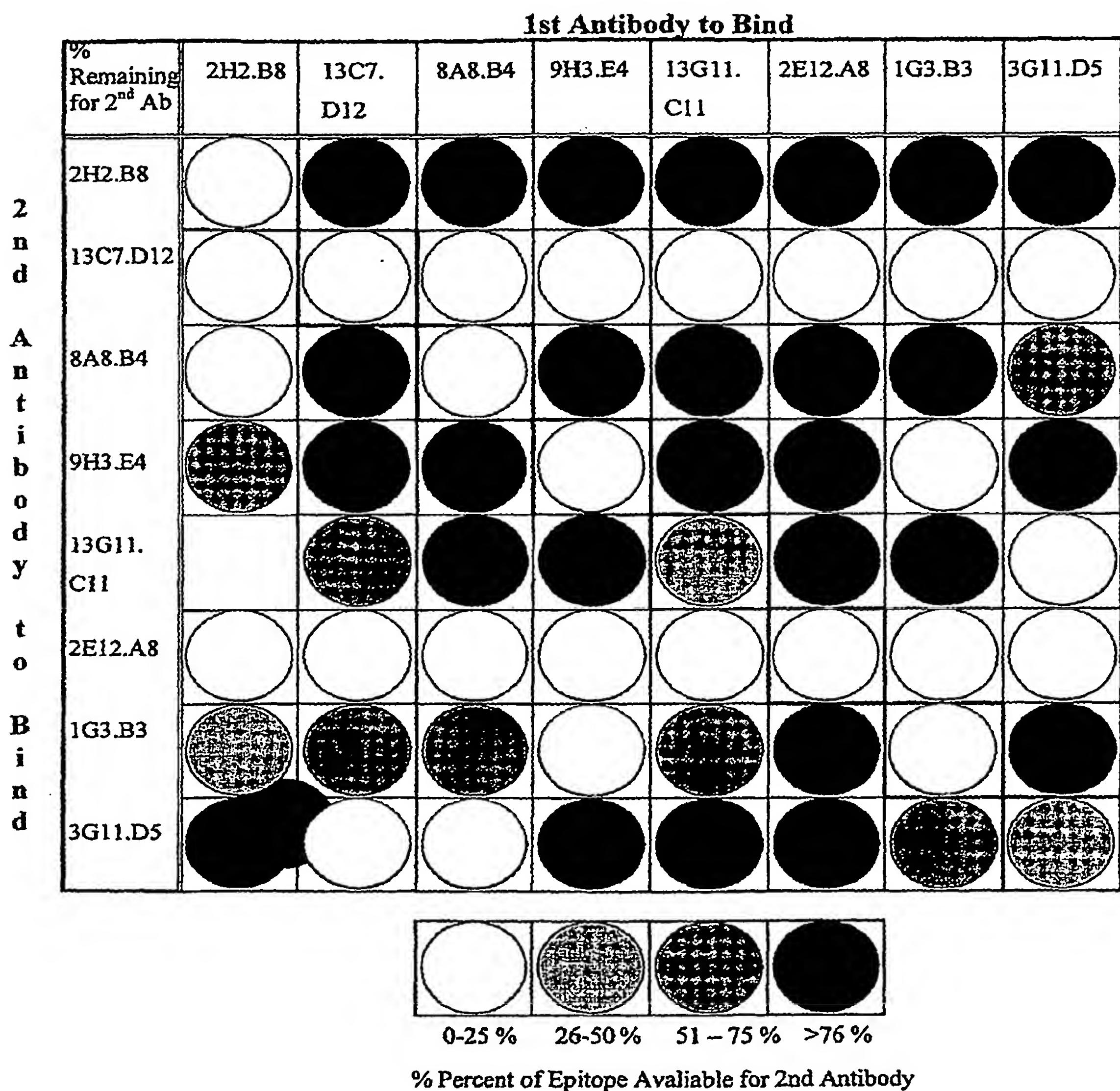
31. A cell line producing a protein that is either mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11, or that competes with either mAb 1G3.B3, mAb 2H2.B8, mAb 13C7.D12, or mAb 13G11.C11 for binding to OFR0657n.

32. The cell line of claim 31, wherein said line is either ATCC No: PTA-7124, 35 ATCC No: PTA-7125, ATCC No: PTA-7126 or ATCC No: PTA-7127.

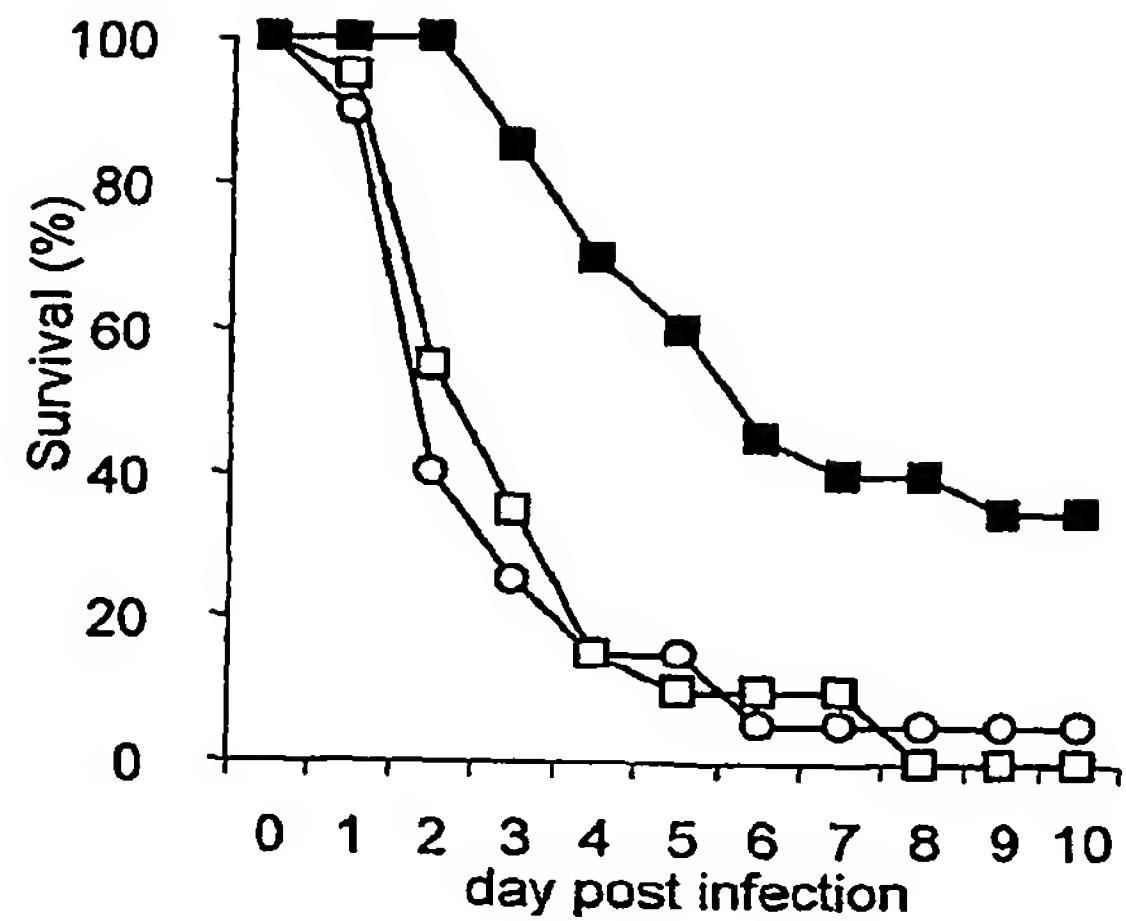
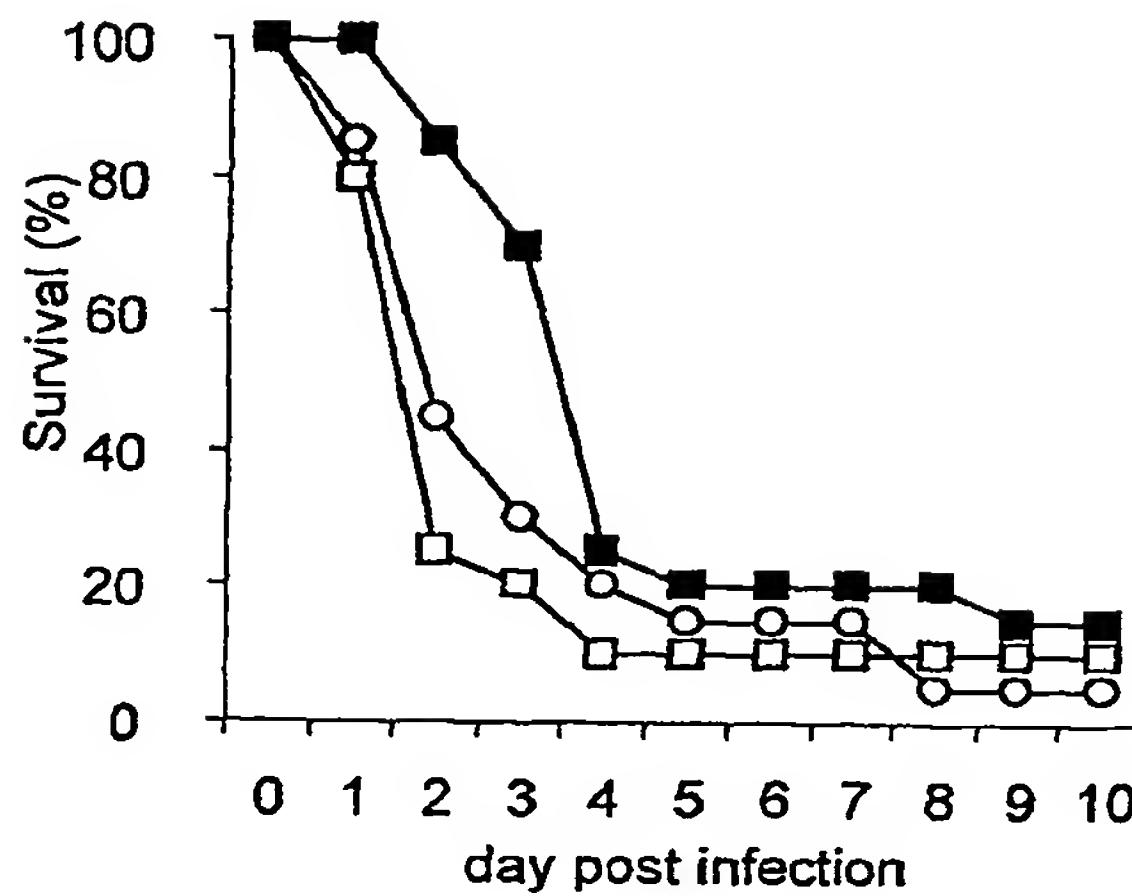
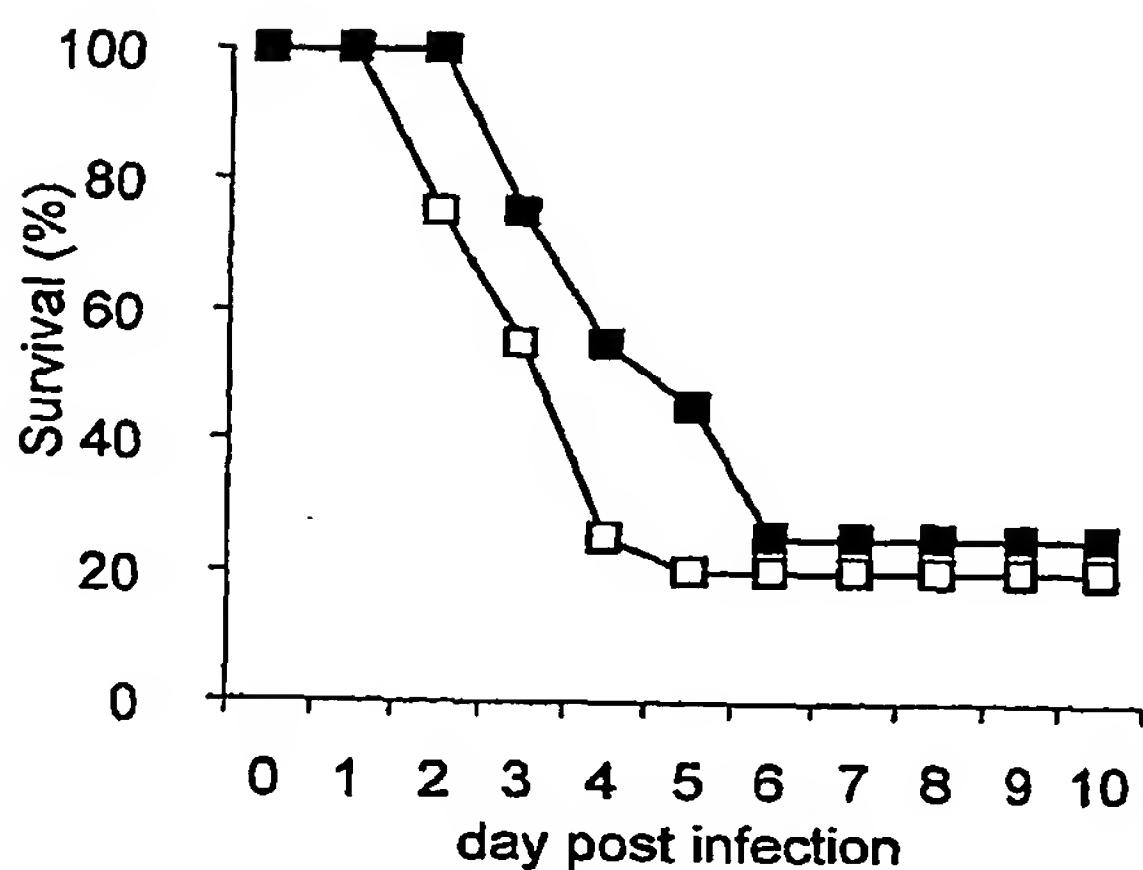
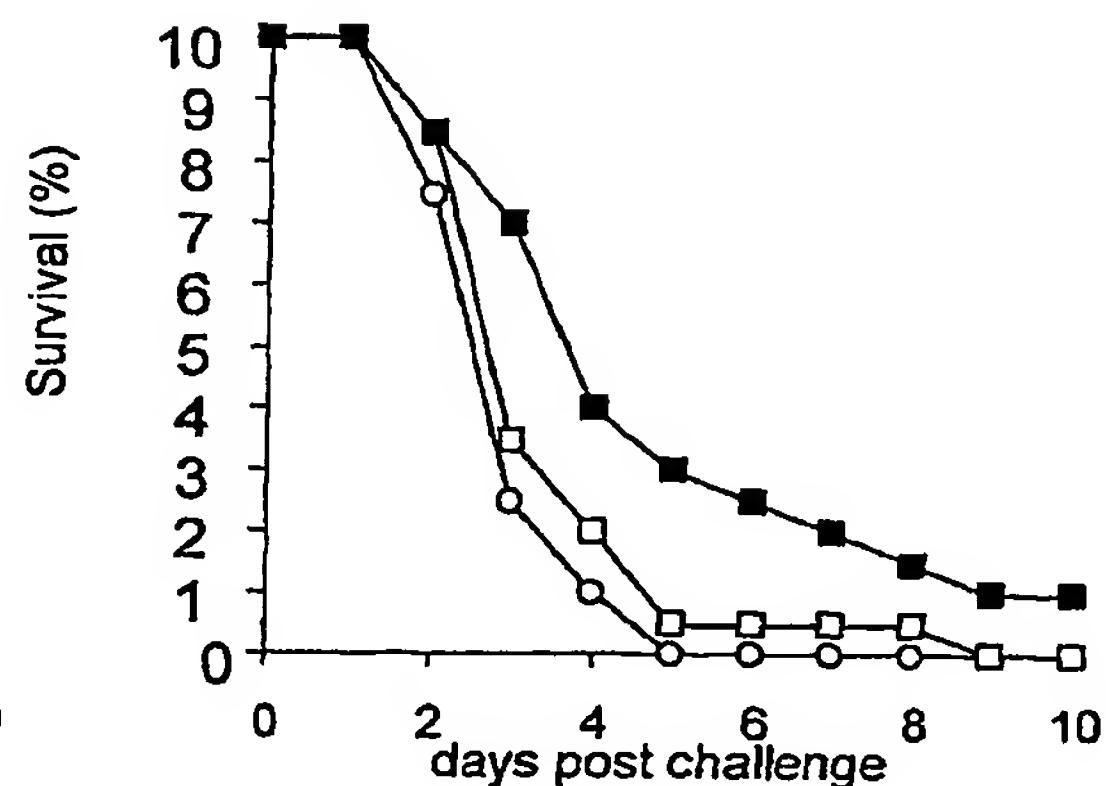
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**FIG. 3A****FIG. 3B****FIG. 3C****FIG. 4A**

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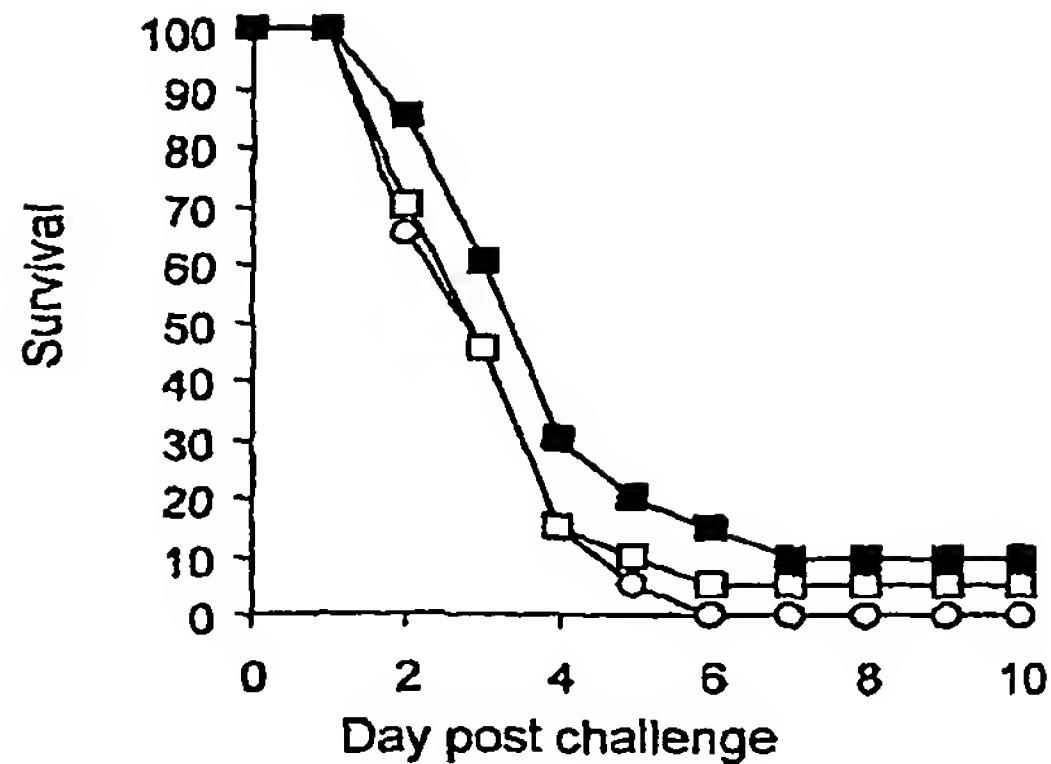


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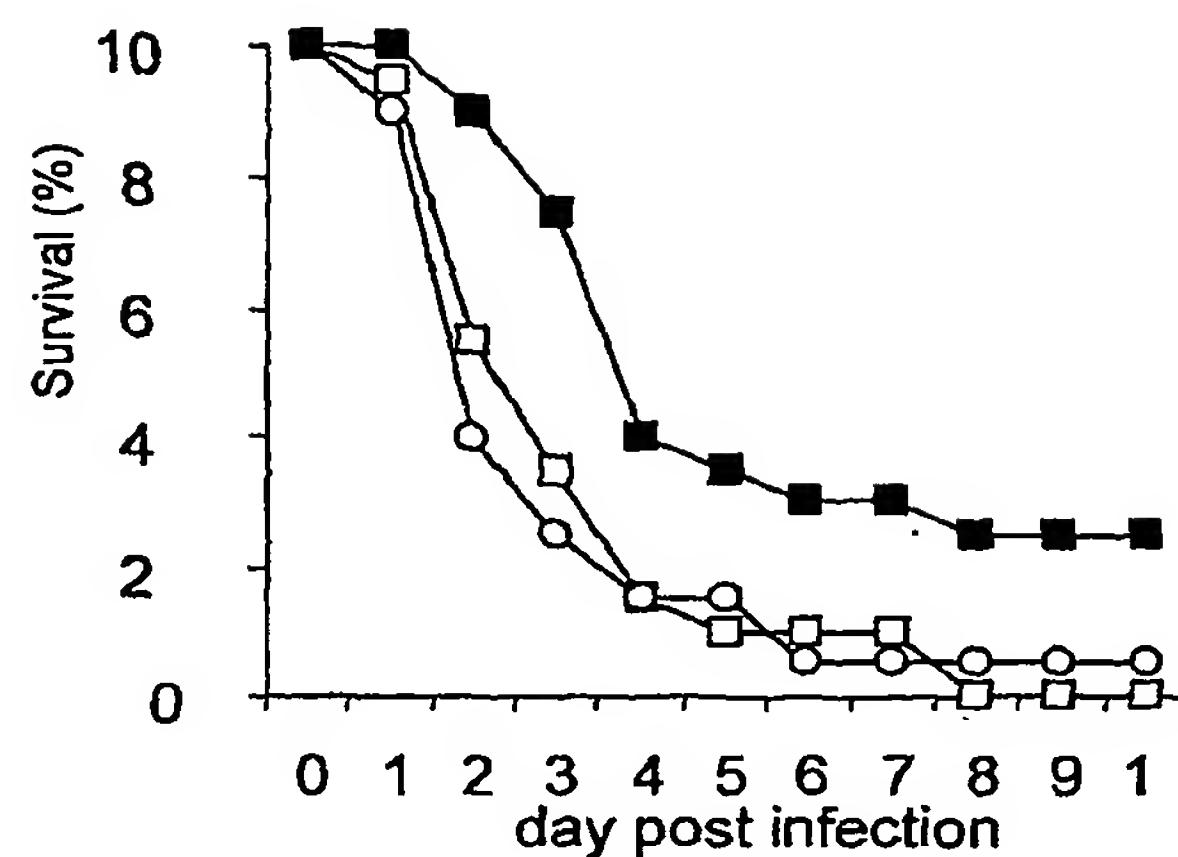


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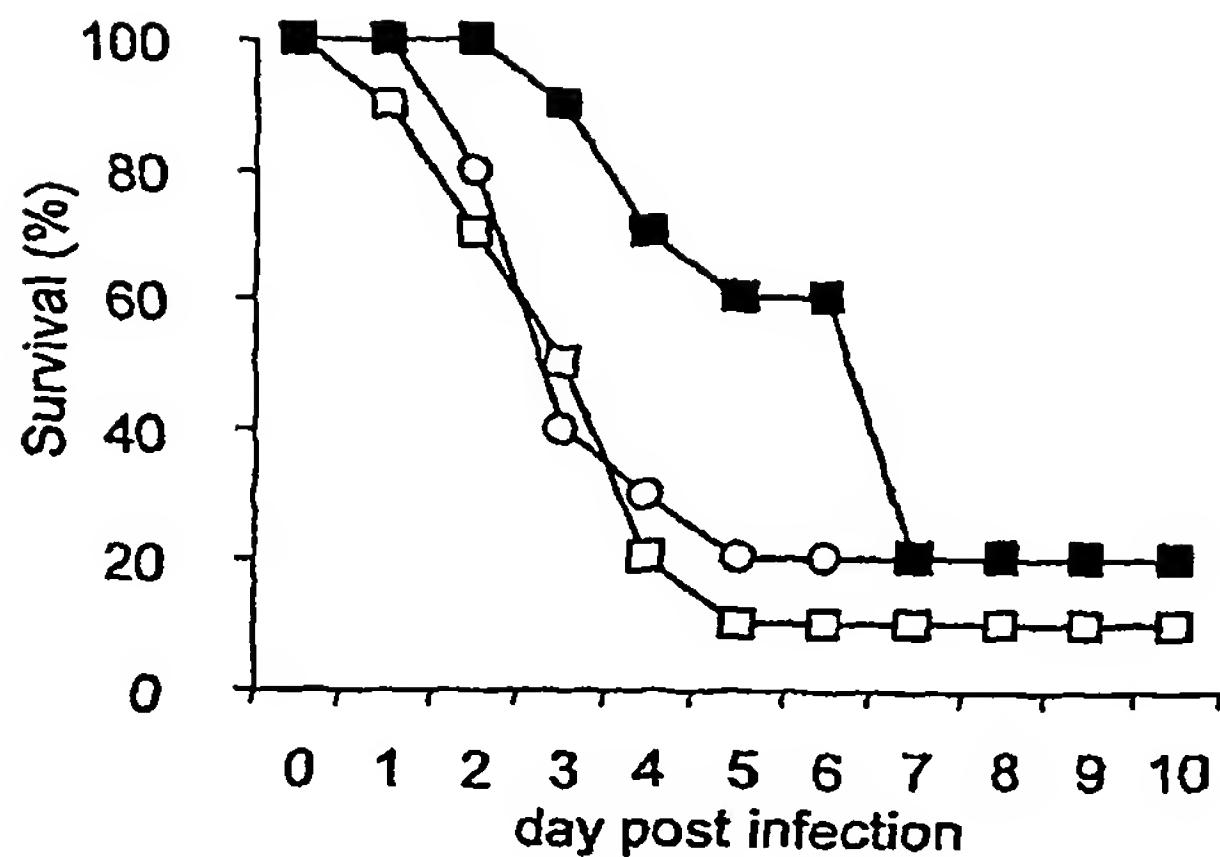
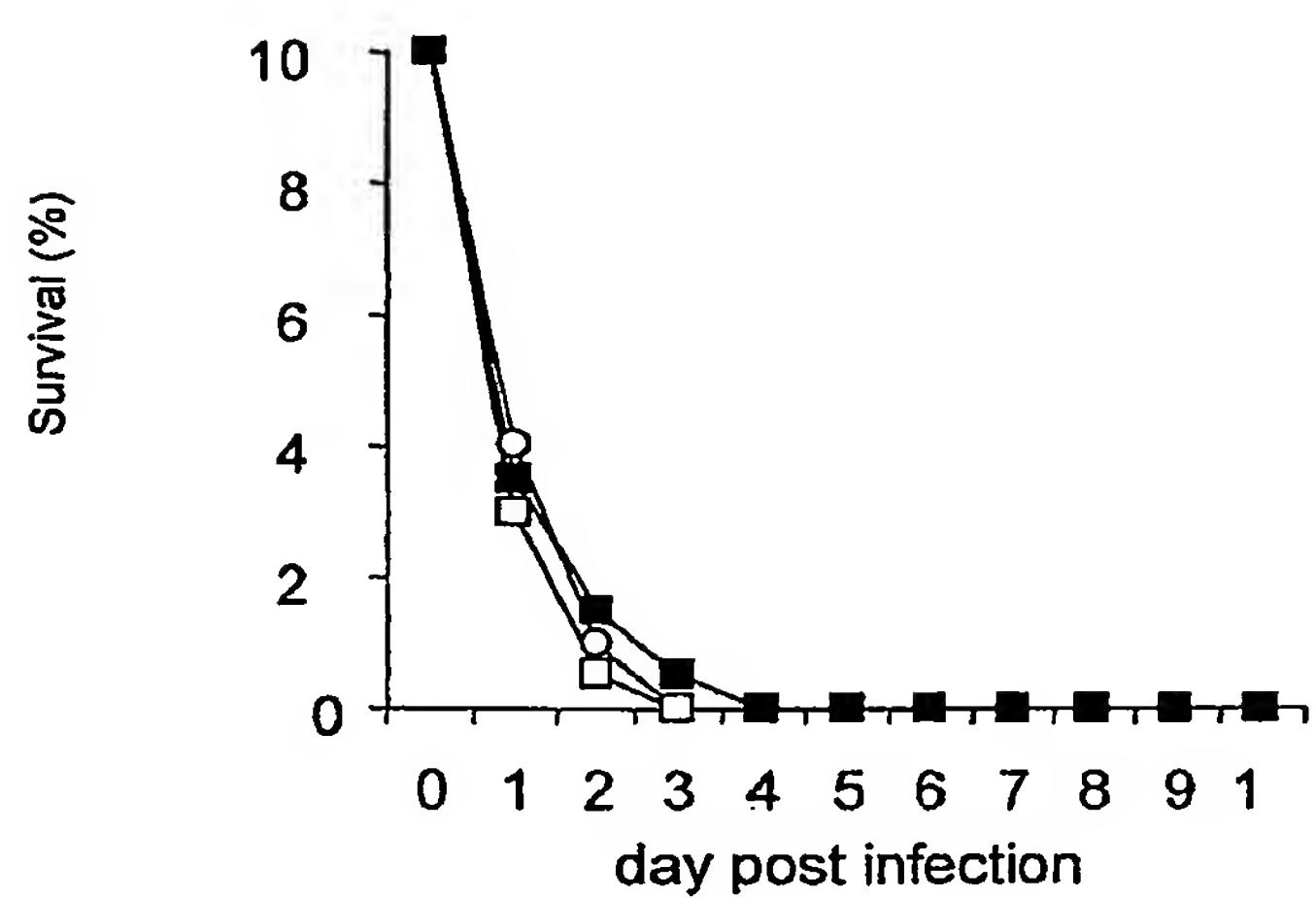


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**FIG. 5C**